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N OFFICE TO LET. Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 19, 1878.

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Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

and Saunders, in Pints and Quarts.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES WAS VI admitted a Partner in our Firm on

the 1st January, 1878. GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, January 5, 1878. NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto conducted in my name will from This Date be Carried on under the Style of GROSSMANN & Co., Mr G. A. GROSSMANN having become a Partner therein. C. F. GROSSMANN.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878. NOTICE. TAR. BERNHARD SCHMACKER is

authorized to Sign our Firm by procuration. CARLOWITZ & Co. Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE. RAR. H. F. MEYERINK has been IVI admitted a Partner in our Firm from This Date. MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878 NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr JOSEPH PERROTT BARNES in our Firm in China CEASES from This Date.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, December 31, 1877. NOTICE. TR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY

was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE. T HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COM-MISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of will henceforward conduct the Agency of the Australasian Stram Navigation sent Five-yearly Lease exviring on the 31st COMPANY. G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, December 29, 1877. "NOTICE.

T HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COM-MISSION AGENT. J. Y. VERNON SHAW. Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

T HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS and BOILERMAKERS.

NOTIOE.

WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co., Late Manager of the Novelly Iron Works, Hongkong. WM. DUNPHY. Hengkong, December 10, 1877.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

DARCELS EXPRESS AGENCY, in connection with WHEATLEY & Co., London. Packages Received for 2 o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the transmission to Great Britain by each P. & O. Mail; Charges receiving a Statement of Accounts and the can be Collected either here or in England. particulars of Packages are required—Contents, Value, Address of Consignee, and whether Insurance be desired. SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.—Orders Received and

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO

STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Compressed CORNED BEEF, and THE Twenty:third Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to in the Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road, on FRIDAY, the 25th January instant, at STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing a Director and

> By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary. Hongkong, January 2, 1878.

STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th day of January instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors. P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1878.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hotel on FRIDAY, the 25th January instant, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary. Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th day of January Instant, both days

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary. Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL the HONGKONG HOTEL, the pre-August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March. 1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkond HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors, LOUIS HAUSOH!LD. Scoretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS. AND BOOKS. 48, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, August 20, 1877;

DENTAL NOTICE.

T.R. W. C. EASTLACK will Commence Practice in Hongkong, on the 20th Hongkong, January 15, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE. R. ROGERS begs to say that he has

RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patienta. itongkong, November 22, 1877. NOTICE.

DR, STOUT expects to Leave the Colony PERMANENTLY about the 20th of January, 1878. Hongkong, December 22, 1877. W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY. HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO TMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET' REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-

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PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTSZE INSUR-ANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, January 7th, 1878. TN Accordance with a Resolution passed at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-ING of July 5th, 1877, the Directors have declared a Dividend to Shareholders of Taels 49.50 per Share for the fiscal Year ending the 30th September, 1877, and a further Dividend of Taels 10.50 per Share, being interest on Shareholders' Capital at the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum, for

the quarter ending December, 1877. The above Dividends (Taels 60 per Share) will be Payable on the 15th Instant, at the Office of the Secretaries to Shareholders of record on the 10th Instant. The Transfer BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 15th

Instant, inclusive. Persons collecting Dividends for absent Shareholders are requested to exhibit their Powers of Attorney for registry at this Office.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

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Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

日七十月二十年丑丁

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 15th February next, for the purpose of Report of the Directors for the year ending The following 31st December, 1877. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th February, both days inclusive. By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, January 18, 1878.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

A T the MEETING held on the 12th A Instant at Mesars Dodd & Co.'s OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried :-1. That the affairs of the said Dono & Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement,

and not in Bankruptcy. 2. That Francis Chomier be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.

3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND Pyn be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the Estate, it is requested, will be Pald to the order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY, Trustee for the Estate of DODD & Co. Amoy, January 14, 1878.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst. Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive. By Order,

RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

Auctions. PUBLIC AUCTION.

AMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

THURSDAY, the 24th January, 1878, at Noon,— The British Barque "ALPHINGTON,"

of 326 Tons Register, or of about 8,000 piculs Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL and INVENTORY. The Vessel was Built under Lloyds special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in

1856, Classed 12 years A 1. at Lloyds and continued in 1868 A 1. for 8 years. She was Remetalled over Felt in London in July, 1875. TERMS :- One-third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's

shipping.

risk immediately after fall of hammer.

Hongkong, January 17, 1877. ja24

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "NAMOA," Capt. J. E. PUNCHARD, WILL be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 22nd Instant, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 18, 1878.

FOR YOKOHAMA. The British Steamer shortly expected from Sin-GAPORE, will have quick despatch as above.

MELOHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 17, 1878.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

FOR YOROHAMA & HIOGO. The Steamship of LORNE expected from Singapole, will have immediate despatch as

sbove: For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, January 10, 1878,

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. (Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and

taking through Cargo and Passengers

for New Zealand.) The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BOWEN" will be despatched for the

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship "VOLGA," Comdt. ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA

H. DU POUEY,

Hongkong, January 18, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Company's Steamship Comdt. RAPATEL, will be despatched for SHANGHAI "YANGTSE,"

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

FOR HAMBURG (DIRECT.) The A 1 German Bark WENDY, Master, will load here and meet with quick despatch

For Freight, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, December 28, 1877.

The A 1 Clipper Barque ! "GOLDEN RUSSETT,"
RICHARDSON, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

"BROOMHALL,"
H. Bate, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

FUR NAGASAKI. The A 1 American Barkentine "ANNIE S. HALL,"

YOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. ..

Hongkong, January 5, 1878. FOR NEW YORK. The A L American Barkentine R. Howes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "B. F. WATSON." HAWKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 3, 1878, FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON. The A 1 British Ship

"ONEIDA," B. CLYMA, Master, having 3/4ths of her Oargo engaged. will load here as above, and will be dis spatched on or about the 31st December.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & On. Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

above Ports on or about the 1sr FEBRUARY.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. NOTICE.

shortly after the arrival of the next French

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

shortly after her arrival from Europe.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

as above.

FOR HAMBURG.

For Freight, apply to WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

> FOR LONDON. The 100 A I British Ship

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

Nelson, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch. For Freight, apply to

will have immediate despatch.

Mails.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

ALSO, BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

THURSDAY, the 24th January, 1878, at Noon, the Company's 8. 8. TIGRE, Commandant LORMIER, with Mails, Passengers, specie and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 23rd January, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are re-

quired. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office, EL DU POUEY,

Agent. Hongkong, January 17, 1878.



STRAM FOR Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London,

Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PRETERVIAR AND ORIENTAL STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship MIREAPORE, Captain Parish, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 31st January, st Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London, will be conveyed vid Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle. For further Particulars, apply to

A. LIND, Superintendent, Hongkong, January 18, 1878,

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, KEE ESIT HOLFDERKOD MI

CENTRAL UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING

BAILROAD COMPANIES AND

ATLANTIC STRAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIO" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yoko. hama, on FRIDAY, the 1st February, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with

Steamers from Shanghal. Freight will be received on Board until p.m. of the 31st January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent. Honghong, January 4, 1878.

Apelees to consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. MONGOLIA.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above. named Vessel, from nombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamers PESHAWUR from London, and HINDOSTAN from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent, ADAM LIND,

Superintendent. Hongkong, January 19, 1878.

FROM LONDON AND PORTS OF CALL.

MIN S. S. Cyphrenes having arrived, Consiguess of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whente and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained: Cargo remaining undelivered after the glat Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given by 4 p.m. To-day. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents, S. S. Cuphrenes. Hougkon, January 14, 1878,

Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIC, from San Francisco, de., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Luding for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. G. B. EMORY,

Hongkong, January 18, 1878.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo per Norwegian Bark VEGA, Nondivedt, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents,

Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

MONSIGNEES of the following Cargo i are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DU POUEY.

Agent. Ex "Sindh."

W. P. Order, 1 bale Samples, from London Mr G. K. Harman, \ 1 case Cricketing H.M.S. Mosquito. | Goods, from London. Hongkong, January 17, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

SINDH.

NOTICE

MONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Indus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on. unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-Morrow, the 10th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after WED. NESDAY, the 16th January, 1878, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges, No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,

Hongkong, January 9, 1878,

imburances.

OHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

GENOIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang. Kisks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

> NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE.

Borretary. Hongkong, November I, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL TWO MILLIONS STERLING,

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Politims against the Rick of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Joals in Matshods, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be reselved, and transmitted to the Directors

for their decision. If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Oc. Agents Hengkong & Canton Hongtong, January 4, 1867.

> QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Fremis. NOBTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874,

insurances.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSO. CIATION.

CAPITAL-Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000 PERMANENT RESERVE....., 230,000 SPECIAL RESERVE FUND...... 75,000

Directors: F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman, M. W. Boyd, Esq. | C. KREES, Esq. M. P. Evans, Esq. | C. Lucas, Esq. Secretaries: Mesers. Russell & Co., Shanghal.

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all parts of the World, at current

annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co... Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

OHINESE INBURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED.) NOTICE

TAOLIOIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two Thirds of the Profits. are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the nett amount of Premis contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, April 17, 1678.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. MHE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809. CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared COMPILED AND EDITED BY N. B. to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent. GILMAN & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Capital One Million Dollars. Directors.

KWON ACHZONG, Merchant. PANG YIM. Merchant. Ho Sam, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant. Loo Yes, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant, LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant. CHEANG SING YEONG, Merchant, CHOY CHAN, Merchant.

Manager-HO AMEL

TOLICIES against FIRE granted on Buildings and on Goods stored Discount of 20 % on the Premia.

OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 28, 1877.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE,

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majorty King George The Bires, 4. D. 1720.

TRIHE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:-Marine Departments

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia, Fire Department, Policies issued for long or short periods at

current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed. Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LÖNDON,

TITHE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foothow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are proposed to grant Insurances at current rates:

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intimations.

MOY HA SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya Wen. SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESE PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S

STORES Of the best quality and at the shortest notice Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE Chinese Mail.

MWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first DOLICIES granted on Marine Risks to week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for Subject to a charge of 12 % for interest half a year and longer will be allowed on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS | deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount. of the Underwriting Business will be and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.

> Efforts have been made to establish Agents for obtalating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, the ports in Japan, in Salgon, Singapore Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manile, the Phillippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important posts more than one agent has been appointed at each CHUN AYIN,

Manager. Hongkong, February 28, 1874.

WONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr Anyon has been appointed Manager,

and all Orders addressed to him at 57. Praya, or to Mr Fat Jack, at 80, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

PRICE \$6. THE TREATY PORTS

China and Japan,

COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE OPEN PORTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES, TOGETHER WITH PE-KING, YEDO, HONGKONG AND MACAO. FORMING A GUIDE BOOK & VADE ME.

OUM FOR TRAVELLERS, MERCHANTS AND RESIDENTS IN GENERAL. 8vo. pp. 618. With 29 MAPS and PLANS

WM. F. MAYERS, N. B. DENNYS, and

DENNYS, Ph.d. LONDON: N. TRUBNER & Co. Hongkong: China Mail Office.

Price, \$6, leather half bound. The scope of this work includes detailed descriptions of important Sires and Monu-MENTS, notes on the CLIMATE, and general TOPOGRAPHY, FAUNA, FLORA, GEOLOGY and METEOROLOGY of each Port and its neighbourhood, with HISTORICAL NOTICES and minute details respecting the rise and progress and social characteristics of the several foreign settlements. To these partionlars are added summarles and statistics of the TRADE of each open Port, compiled from official returns, together with statements respecting Coinage, Currency, and Ex-changes, Lines of Steam Communication, DISTANCES, and rates of PASSAGE Money. Hints, and recommendations to travellers, giving full particulars of OUTFIT and mode of proceeding to the less frequented settlements are also included, combined with

notes on DOMESTIC MARKETS and Mode of living. In addition to furnishing similar particulars, the Section devoted to Hongkong contains an historical sketch forming a therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to chronological index of the chief events which occupied public attention between 1841 and 1865, including Political EVENTS, Changes in the Government Service, the passing of important Ondinances, the ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE Of EMINENT RESIDENTS, a record of the most notable PIRACIES, ROBBERIES, MURDERS, FRAUDS, FIRES and Criminal TRIALS, ADDRESSES

and PRESENTATIONS, do. do. The appendix contains full tables of the various steam companies' lines. It also includes a CATALOGUE of over 440 works published in the English language upon China and Japan, while a copious Indax at the end of the work affords a ready means of reference to the reader.

Notice.

THE CHINESE MAIL

LIROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TRI-WEERLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the China Mail, The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisors. The Conductors guarantee an eventual

circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penaug, Calcutta, San Brands-co and Australia. For terms, do., address

ME OHUN AYIN, Manager, China Mail Office, 17th Polymary, 1874.

Intimations.

IN THE GOODS OF GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS. Deceased.

ATOTICE is hereby given that all Oreditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Patent Slip Proprietor and Ship-builder, who died at Victoria aforesaid on the 30th day of October, 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, Probate whereof was granted to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, of Victoria aforesaid, Esquire, the Executor therein named by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 8th day of November, 1877, are hereby required to send, in writing, the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES at his address aforesaid, or to the Undersigned WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, at the office of the said WM. HENRY BRERETON. 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of May, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last mentioned day, the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORDES will proceed to distribute the assets of the said GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said WILLIAM HOWALL FORBES shall then have had notice; and that the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORRES shall not have had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1878. WM. H. BRERETON, Solicitor for the said

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A MEW STOCK OF NEXT JOBBING TYPES HAVING BEEN RECEIVED FROM ENGLAND.

WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES

THIS OFFICE IS PREPARED TO EXECUTE BOOK & JOB PRINTING

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION AT REASONABLE BATES. FANCY BALL PROGRAMMES

ABSORTED SIZES, IN GOLD AND COLOURS, BALL PENCILS, assorted colours.

MENU CARDS. n Gold & Coloured Borders & Patterns

---:0:---BOOKS BOUND IN APPROVED PATTERNS.

-----Sale FOR FOREIGN-GOING AGREEMENTS

LADY'S AND GENTLEMAN'S WASHING 14, Regulus, BOOKS. CONTRACT PASSAGE TICKETS. EXPORT CARGO REPORTS. POWERS OF ATTORNEY, CHARTER PARTIES, SHIPPING ORDERS,

PASSENGER LISTS. BILLS OF SALE. LOG BOOKS, WILLS,

BILLS OF LADING,

Chine Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street, (Back of Club).

THE HONGKONG OHINESE MAIL

THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:---Macao, -- Man Chuen Shop.

Canton. - Sing Chuen Native Post Office, Luca Hing Street; Chui Heung Low Hotel Luen Hing Street; Kwong Tin Fat Shop, Yan Tsai Street; Mr Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen Kwan; Yuen Fong Shop, in front of the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen: How Yuen Shop, Small Market Street, New City; Yee Chaung Photograph Shop, Honam; Kwal Heung Shop, Sin Choong, Honam. Swatow, -- Sul Cheong Hong; Woh Shun

Loong Hong. Amoy. - Chan Cheong Hong, Mook Kek Foochow .-- Mr Yu Ching Cheong, Foo-

chow Arzenal; Mr Lum Kwok Ching, Maritime Customs. Shanghai.-Mr Ng Ching Shun, Maritime Customs; Mr Ho Yue Chuen, Maritime Custoins; Mr Chun Sing Hoi, Measrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.; Mr Kwong Chuen Fook, Educational Mission School;

and Mow Sing Sang Kee shop. Ningpo.-Mr Sung Min Chee, Maritime Hankow,-Yee Hing Hong.

Okefoo, -Yee Shun Hong. Japan.-Mr Leong Chun Tong, Municipal Office, Yokohama Salgon, -- Wohang Hong.

Singapore. Ting Kus Hong | Kwong FOOK Sang Hong. Penang. -- Yow Wing Fong; Argus Office Calcutta. -- Mow Sing Company.

San Francisco, -- Kwong Foong Tal Hong. The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are stranged for. Negociations are in progress Antenor (s.) with the express couriers who carry the Anchises (s.) official despatches and Paking Gasettes, to Bertie. circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of

Hongkopg, March 10, 1876;

Chair and Boat Hire.

LEGALISED TARIES OF FARES FOR CHAPES, CHAIR BRARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG. Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats, Half hour, 10 cts, 1 Hour, 20 cts. Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts. Day (from 6 to 6),... ... One Dollar,

Licensed Bearers (each). Half day,

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 picula, per Day, lat Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 picula, per Load, and Class Cargo Boat of 600 picuis, per Day. Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Load, 8rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of 800 piculs, per Day, 8rd Class Cargo Bost or Ha kan Bost of 800 pionis, per Load, 3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of 800 piculs, Half Day, ... or Pullaway Boats, per Day, One Hour, Half-an-Hour, After 6 P.M.,...... 10 conts extra-Nothing in this Scale prevents private agree.

STREET COOLIES. Boale of Hire for Street Coolies. Half Day, 20 ... 20 ... One Hour,

Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers :-VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG. When left. Name. From. 10, David, Antwerp 12. Chandos. Cardiff

2, Northampton, 25, Globe, Aug. 11, North Star, Cardiff 11, E. P. Bouverie, Penarth

14, Patrle, Cardiff 17. John Potts. New York 19, Felix Mendelssohn, London 27, Charger, Liverpool 28, India, Hamburg Sept. Flushing Roads 3, Andreas. 4. Humbolt, New York 7, Hecla,

15, G. F. Muntz, Newport 18. Wildwood. Liverpoo! 20. River Lagan, Cardiff 21, P. J. Carleton, Liverpool 22. Harkaway. London 23, Victoria (s.), Liverpool 23. Fidelio. Hamburg 25, Maria Ravano, Penarth 30, Peter,

Bmpire, Newport Elcano. Penarth Kainer, Penarth , Minerva (s.) London 18, Wega, Cardiff Hamburg 19, Oscar. . Benedicta. San Francisco 30. Lodore. London 30, Alden Besse,

Liverpool Johann Smidt, London 2, Minus, London 8, Elizabeth Shields, Hamburg 21, Galley of Lorne (s.), London 28, Lorne (s.),

1, Elizabeth Ostle.

1. Glengaber. Flushing Nestor (s.) Liverpool Otto, Hamburg 3. Cairnamuir (5,), 4, Devana,

Cardiff SWADSCA 4. Oscar Mooyet, Newport

5, Catharina. Cardiff LOADING FOR CHIMA AND JAVAN PORTS. At Zondon, -- Steamers via Sues Canal. Glenorthy.

Balling Vessels. Sir Harry Parkes.

At Liverpool. A | BX (8.)

Hylton Castle,

Cardiff

Astoria

Caldera

Baltimore

Cardiff

AT AMOY.

At Glasgoup

That for the Street Coolies is as fol-

WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese. AN ASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office-Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

18, Alatra, Melbourne 18, Henry Lippett, New York

Flushing Roads 8, Gatherer. Cardiff 10, River Lagan,

8. Forest Belle. Cardiff

14, Moss Glen. Penarth

Cardiff 2, Anna Bertha Cuxhaven

Glamis Castle

Leon (a,) G. B. S.

Nothing in the above Scale is to affect private agreements.

POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined] we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of corre spondence to all parts of the world Detailed rules affecting the transmis sion of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised Nov. 9th, 1877.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four nunces in weight papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two book packet of the same weight. Newspapers must not be folded together as whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Cur. rent may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

N.R. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Japan, Egypt, Labuan, Mauritius, Seychelles, Jamaica, Trinidad, British Guiana. and Bermuda, with all French, Danish, Notherlands, Fortuguese, and Spanish Co-

Countries NOT in the Union. - The chief countries not in the Union are: the Australasian Group, British North America, Africa (except French, &c., Colonies), and Central America.

Postage to Union Countries.

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•	General Rates, by	any route :	
	Letters,	12 cents per 1 oz.	
	Registration,	8 cents.	
	Newspapers,	2 cents each.	_
	Books and Patterns,		٠.
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dom and Union Countries served through the United Kingdom via Brindlei onlyt-16 cents per 🖥 oz. Letters, 8 cents. Registration. 4 cents each. Newspapers, Books and Patterns, 6 cents per 2 oz.

spondence within the Postal Union. Postage to Non-Union Countries.

There is no charge on redirected corre-

W. Africa, Falkland Islands, Lagos,

Gold Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Clama Wand Talanda take

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Books & Patter	ms, —	8	10
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land, New Bru	nswick, s	and Nova Sc	otia :—
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Registration, Newspapers, Books & Patterns, 4* Bahawas, Haytl:-Letters. Registration, None. Newspapers, Books & Patterns, 6 Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru:-Letters, Newspapers Books & Patterns, 14 Registration.

Hawaiian Kingdom:-None. Registration, Newspapers, Books & Patterns, 8 W. Indies, (except as above) Costa

Rica, Guatemala, Monte Video, + New

Granada, and Venezuela:-Letters, Newspapers. Books & Patterns, 14 Registration to British & Union 12 West Indies only,

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji (N.R.), Natal, Cape, St. Helena, Ascen-

Letters, by Contract Packet 24; by Private Ship 12, Registration, 12; Newspapers, 2: Books and Patterns, 4.

* A small fatra charge is made on delivery. + Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

Local and Town Postage.	Letters.	Registration.	Межераретв.	Ber & Prins. Per 2 oz.
Within any Town or Settle- ment, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction,	2	8	2	2
the following places (through a British Office) viz. —Hong-kong, Macao, Ports of Chins and Japan, Bangkok, Saigon, and the Philippines, by Pri-				a
Between the above by Con- tract Mail,	,,	8	2	4

Any publication fulfilling the conditions he reafter named can pass as a newspaper." The conditions are as follows :--

st. The publication must consist rholly n great part of political or other news. fatticles relating thereto, or to other ent topics, with or without advertise-

must be printed on a sheet or sheets un-

stitched. 3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published | twisted silk, may be sent to Germany. with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newsare charged as double, treble, &c., as the | papers is not chargeable with a higher rate case may be, but such papers or packets of of postage than would be chargeable on a

A newspaper posted unpaid, or a packet one, nor must anything whatever be inserted of newspapers posted either unpaid or except bona fide Supplements. Printed insufficiently paid, is treated as an unpaid matter may, however, be enclosed, if the or insufficiently paid book packet of the

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped

the post a second time for the original graving plates, and confectionery of all postage. For each transmission a fresh postage is required.

Europe, the United States, Brazil, India | without a cover (in which case it must not (including Ceylon, the Straits, and Aden), be fastened, whether by means of gum. wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or guarded in so secure a manner as to afford otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at | complete protection to the contents of the both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule be infringed Office, while at the same time they may be the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily in-

which contains any enclosure except sup- | gal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United plements is charged as a letter, unless the States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies. enclosure be such as might be sent at the Indigo cannot be sent to any place abroad. book rate of postage, and the entire packet | A packet of patterns or samples sent to which case it is allowed to pass.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter. written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

of separate books or other publications departure of the French Packets, arrangeof paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, whether such binding, &c. be loose or be imposed. attached | as also rollers in the case of | A similar supplementary Mail will be eate transmission of such articles, or usually I The late fee will also be 18 cents. appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers. do. must not be sent as a separate packet.

Circulars, -i.e., letters which are intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved. or lithographed,-may also be sent by

But a book-packet may not contain any letter, or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise). unless it be a circular-letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure scaled or in any way closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 3. If this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.

A book-packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum. wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination: otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, it may be tied at the ends with string: Postmasters being authorised to out the string in such cases, although if they do so

they must again tie up the packet. No book-packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 inches in length. 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth. unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

When, owing to a great and unusual influx of letters, books, dzo., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book-packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 inches in length and 12 inches in width or depth.

PATTERNS.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable | the letters, &c., had been sent loose. nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent estensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsio value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to bond flde trade patterns or samples of merchandise. Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an. order (however small the quantity may be). or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual

patterns or samples, are not admissible. Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in stich a manner as to be easy of examination. But samples of seeds, drugs. and such like articles, which cannot be sent. in covers of this kind, -but such articles only, may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen, of other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; or, in the case of seeds, &c., for the United States of America, Holland, and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Portugal and its possessions, and Switzerland, in bags entirely closed, pro-

2nd. It must be published in numbers at as to enable the Officers of the Post Office i correspondence exactly the same as Imperial intervals of not more than 31 days, and readily to satisfy themselves as to the Stamps. nature of the contents (1)

upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

Samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country except United 4th. A supplement must consist wholly States; and in the case of France samples of eider down, raw or thread silk, woollen or goats' hair thread, vanilla, saffron, on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of carmine, or isinglass, are considered to fall paper, unstitched; or wholly or in part of | under this rule if they weigh more than three ounces; and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bage or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz : Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery. sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various No newspaper can now be sent through kinds, curry combs, copper and steel en-

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors. Every newspaper must be posted either forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or lore, provided that they be packed mail bags and to the Officers of the Post easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone: viz., the Azores, Belgium, Cape de Verd Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Hol-A newspaper or packet of newspapers land, Madeira, Moldavia, Norway, Portu-

be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in | the Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, France. Madeira, Portugal, or by French packet. to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, must not exceed 18 inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad must not exceed 24 inches in length or 12 inches in width or depth.

To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting Correspondence for Europe. A book-packet may contain any number &c., up to the latest moment before the (including printed or lithographed letters), ments have been made for receiving at the photographs (when not on glass or in cases | Post Office late letters-except those to containing glass or any like substance), and through Australia-from 11.10 A.M. to drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity | 11.30 A.M. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 cents extra postage.

The above arrangement is intended to meet occasional emergencies, and not for &c., may be either printed, written, en- the regular posting of extensive correspongraved, lithographed, or plain, or any dence. Should it be found, therefore, that mixture of these. Further, all legitimate large and unmanageable numbers of letters binding, mounting, or covering of a book, | are habitually thrown upon the Department do., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, at the last moment, a heavier late fee will

prints or maps, markers (whether of paper | made up for Shanghai by the English and or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or French Contract Steamers, the late letters impeded. pencils in the case of pocket-books, &c., being received from 10 minutes after, up and, in short, whatever is necessary for the to half an hour after the time of closing.

Miscellaneous Notices.

There will be communication with Australia vià Batavia and Port Darwin, as

Leave Hongkong by French Packet,...Sept. 15. Nov. 29. Leave Batavia, Oct. 1. Dec. 13. Due at Port Darwin, Oct. 12. Dec. 24.

Sydney,Oct. 31. Jan. 12. Melbourne,....Nov. 6. Jan. 18. Adelaide,.........Nov. 12. Jan. 24. For the present the correspondence can

only be paid to Batavia, from which place it may possibly be forwarded without fur-Mails exchanged with Manila and Saigon.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office, and that all paid correspondence sent to Manila in the mails should be delivered free there. Article IX of the Postal Treaty of Berne

provides that "Neither the senders nor the addressees of letters and other postal packets shall be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or duty other than the recognised rates levied (in the case of paid correspondence) by the despatching Office. It is hoped that any extra charge. or apparently extra charge, will at once be brought to the notice of the proper authorities, in either Colony.

The above does not apply in any to loose letters sent outside the mails. These will always be charged on arrival in Hongkong and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of extra charges on correspondence exchanged between this Oclony and Saigon, but it is believed it would be found in all cases that Any Foreign stamps on loose correspondence are obliterated in this Office.

Indian Correspondence. Unpaid Letters are not received for the Indian Mail Packets. The Prespayment of correspondence for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden is com-

pulsory by whatever opportunity it is Registration to Bangkok. Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General for Slam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be Registered to Bangkok, at the

ticual charge of 8 cents. Boldiers' and Sallors' Letiers. Privates in H. M. Army or Navy, Noncommissioned Officers. Army Schoolmasters (not superintending or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom via Southampton by British Packet, for one penny; or via Brindlei by British Packet for three-pence. Hongkong stamps will prepay this class of

But not Warrant Officers, viz., Assistant vided such closed bags are transparent, so Engineer, Guaner, Bostawaln, or Carpenter.

Soldiers' and Sailors' letters are, however, There must be no writing or printing charged as ordinary letters if they do not conform to the following regulations:-1. Not to exceed half an ounce. No

double letters are allowed. 2. If from a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full on the letter, and the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regi-

ment, or Ship, &c., in full. 8. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full, with

Communication with Batavia.

name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

The Netherlands India Packets leave Singapore fortnightly, and are fitted to the arrival of the outward P. & O. Mail from

The French Packts for Batavia wait at Singapore for the Packet from China and run fortnightly. It follows that, to forward Correspondence to Batavia with the least delay, the

following are the best opportunities:-In the S. W. Monsoon attended The English Mail. The French Mail.

In the N.E. Monsoon. A Private Steamer a few days before the English Mail. The French Mail.

The Post Office is not; by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the non-delivery, mis-sending, or mis-delivery of any letter, book, or other postal packet (even if the packet be registered); nor is the Post Office responsible for any injury which a packet may sustain during its transmission. The country

To guard against such injury all postal packets which are likely to suffer from stamping or from great pressure should be placed in strong covers; and even with this precaution no fragile article should be sent through the Post. It should be remembered that every packet has to be handled several times; that it is exposed to considerable pressure and friction in the mail bag; and that, whenever the bag has in the course of its transmission to be transferred by means of the railway apparatus, the risk of injury | Stamps. is much increased.

letters which pass through a Post Office | An application for an order* is filled up, except to the persons to whom they are and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, addressed; and in no other way is official and unscaled envelope to the Postmaster at information of a private character allowed | the nearest issuing office. The application to be made public. ... A Postmaster may, must be accompanied with the full amount however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a is would disapprove of his doing so.

letter or other packet to the writer or sender. or to any one else, or 'to' delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address. even though a request to such effect be written thereon.

Postmasters are not bound to give change, nor are they authorised to demand change: and when money is paid at a Post Office. whether as change or otherwise, no question as to its right amount, goodness, or weight can be entertained after it has been removed from the counter.

Postmasters are not bound to weigh any letters or other packets for the public, but they may do so if their duty be not thereby

The practice of sealing letters passing to and from the East and West Indies, and other countries with hot climates, with wax (except such as is specially prepared), is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, not only to the letters so sealed but to the other letters in the mail, from the melting of the wax and adhesion of the letters to each other. The public are therefore recommended, in a such cases, to use either wafers or gum, and to advise their correspondents in the countries referred to, to do the same.

The registration of a packet makes its transmission much more secure, inasmuch as, under ordinary circumstances, a registered packet can be traced through its whole course; and thus the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless large sums of money or other articles of great value should not be sent through the post, even if the packet be registered; as the machinery of the Department is not arranged with a view to such transmission. By law, the Post Office is not responsible the money will be forfeited. When the for the safe delivery of registered packets though any officer who may neglect his duty on this point will be called to strict account. Sent in unregistered letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created: and the Department cannot in any way undertake the mafe conveyance of such packets. All inland or colonial letters. therefore, which contain coin, and all Inland letters which contain watches or jewellery, even though they be posted without registration, are treated as registered, and charged on delivery with a double registration fee of eightpence in addition to the ordinary postage; and any such letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they are posted are detained for the next despatch. Even if the letter do not contain any article of intrinsic value, it should, if it be very important, be registered.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards Correspondence having joined the General Postal Union or being probably about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or abything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable stticles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value. 3 The limits of weight allowed are as

Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs. 1 to the Continent, &c., 2 lbs. Patterns-to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent,

&c., 8 ch. 4. The following articles cannot be sent by Post at all ! Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Matches, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dye stuffs, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or offensive or injurious to persons dealing

with them. Doherty, J. PARCELS.=The public is reminded that, Donkin, F. W. 8 in China and Japan, there is no such thing Donohue, Hugh 1 as Parcel Post Much trouble and disap. Douglas, J. pointment is caused by persistent attempts. Duchesus, Mons, 1

to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders baving often apont more in Postage than would baye paid the freight by steamer. refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the

nature of the contents was discovered. PATTERNS.—Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining a general understanding of what is a Pattern. It is a bond fide sample | Gardner, C. J. 1 of goods which the sender has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with shewing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China and Japan, the Postmasters and Agents of this Office will in future be allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from

foreign residents. Between Hongkong and Shanghai, Hongkong and Yokohama, however, either direction, Money-Orders must

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$25 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, as no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

The Postmaster or Agent may postpone Adonis purchasing if his public funds in hand are | Anazi not sufficient, and he will refuse to purchase | Aniza in any case which appears doubtful or Balcon auspicious. He is allowed to charge a Batavia Commission of one per cent on all Stamps | Beemah purchased.

Letters containing Stamps should Registered, and the Stamps should secured from observation.

Money Order Regulations.

1.-Money Orders on the United Kingdom are issued at Hongkong, Sharghai and Yokohama. Shanghai and Yokohama also issue on Hongkong and vice versa.

2.—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage

3. Many Money Orders are supplied to No information can be given respecting | residents at the smaller Ports in this way (including commission) in cheque, postage little margin should be left for variations Postmasters are not allowed to return any of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the depar-

tures of the mails. 4.—No order must exceed £10, or include any fraction of a penny. Orders will | Florence Bailey be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows:-Orders on the United Kingdom. Up to £2...... 18 cents. £5......36 ,, £7.....54 ,, £10......72 ,, Local Money Orders.

Up to \$25......15 cents. 5.-Lists of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at

Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama. 6.—Names must be given in full (expect when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payee need not be given if the order be crossed (as cheques are crossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank. 7.-No order can be paid till the Payee Lass of Gawler

have signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another office on payment of an additional commission. In case of loss of an order, necessity for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.

8.-If the order be not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged; if not within twelve months. order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.

9.-No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received. Made out on a printed form which is supplied

Orders on Shanghai are drawn at 2 per cent. premium in all cases.

POST OFFICE NOTICE. Unclaimed Correspondence. Jan. 18, 1878.

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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES. 石狗公 Rock Fish Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour. Corrected to Saturday, January 19, 1878. 140 110 Reach At 1075 Cash per Dollar Mexican. Salmon, Canton. Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day. Paten. Highest, Louisi, Chinese Names. Salt Fish, To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Butcher Meat. Skate. Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloong shore k., and those in the body of the Bacon, English, . Shark, young Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections. Ame. Sugar cured ... Section. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Whart. Foochow. new . 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. Snapper, 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 2 From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. Beef, sirioin and prime cut. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. Soles, Fresh 8, From Pier to Hast Point. 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office. Beef Corned, Tench. 大地魚 Roast. Destination. Turbot Remarks. Flag and Rig, Consignees or Agents. Tons. Vessel's Name. Captain, Turtles, small, fresh water, Steak, Whiting, K'loon Dock Steamers Shanghai Bullocks' Brains, Amoy Drewes Brit. str. 2 Kwok Acheong Camoes.....Brit. Fraits. Repairing 9 Man Hing Chan Carlabrooke 2 h Wharton...... Brit. str. To-morrow Balgon 14 Wm. Pustau & Co. str. **60** -Aleurites. . . catty To-day Manila Esmeralda 5 h Cullen Brit. str. Tug Plying K'loon Dock 200 100 Apples, Californian, ***************** Fame...... 6 h Stopani Brit. str. 牛心 Flintshire Thomas Brit. str. Heart, 40 Bananas, fragrant Punti, Yokohama 5 c Smith Brit. Chestnuts, Marcia..... 3 c Broker Brit. str. 1060 K'loon Dock 18 Remedios & Co. 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Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour. 120 Live Fish, Spinach, Lobsters, Squash, bottle 100 Date of Mackerel. Taro (U Tau) Commander. Vessel's Name. 80 Tomatoes, Oysters, Jan; Deci Jan, Turnips, Salt, iron Clad French Atalante F. Dufrant 6034 80 iron-olad (flag-ship) Parrot Flah. Attdacious 6 Walker gunboat Jan. Deb. Nov. 41;;;.f;I.1;21.41;losefii gunboat H. J. Church Curlew 6 h British gun Vessel bunch Water Oress M. MaNeile British gun vessel O. E. D. Willook Plaice. gun vessel W. G. Boott 白鼬 gun vessel M. Galache man-of-war French Le Hugon Pointret, Black military hospital R. H. Naplet O, P. Tudoř ORLEY, Inspector of Market

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." 19th January, 1878.

SIR.—The remarks of H. E. the Governor at St. Paul's College are worthy of at-

His Excellency is right in supposing that no party in the Colony will disapprove of his presence at the distribution of prizes at St. Paul's College, but I contend that he is quite wrong in his references to the educational parties in Hongkong and to the state of things in England.

There is no party in Hongkong who be-Heve they "can best educate if there be secular learning only in their schools. All the schools in Hongkong that ere worked under the Grant-in-aid scheme are schools in which a religious education is given.

secular teaching, but there are school hours enough for religious and secular teaching, and both are given thoroughly. In the Central School there is no religious teaching, but this school is not the

school of any party, it is the school of the Government of Hongkong. Former Governors of Hongkong found that they could not support and carry on a denominational and yet call it a Government school, and I should not be surprised

this time come to the same conclusion. It is not correct to say that in England "every education party receives its fair proportion of the public funds." The policy for concurrent endowment for educational purposes is dead. The Board schools at home are practically secular schools established by the various local authorities; and denominational schools of all classes are rapidly giving way before

This is the real condition of affairs, and in my opinion the present arrangement is

the schools or in the churches.

the best possible. It is the duty of the Government to educate the people. It is not the duty of the Government to teach religion either in

Yours faithfully,

Ohina, SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

The Master of the Rejanattianuhar states that on passing the anchorage West of News. Matsou, communication was had with the barque B. Aymer. The latter vessel, which was from Manila with a cargo of timber, had put into the above place through stress of weather, having lost all sails and being short of provisions. It had been there twelve days, refitting, but expected to leave shortly.

(News.)

Intelligence has been received of the advance of the Chinese expeditionary force in Kashgaria, as far as the cities of Aksu and Ush Turfan, which they had occupied. Hakim Khan Tura, who held possession of these places in his struggle to wrest the sovereignty of Kashgar from Kuli Beg, is believed to have surrendered them to the advancing Chinese.

a week ago from Japan, where he had been fulfilling the duty of Consul for the United States, was yesterday (Jan. 10th) formally sworn in as Vice-Consul General of Shanghai; and we understand that, as the Hon. G. Wiley Wells is likely soon to leave Shanghai, he will, in the course of a few days, take charge of the United States Consulate-General until further notice. The ability and uniform courtesy displayed by Mr. Wells as Consul-General, during his brief stay here, have won for him many friends, his departure will be regretted. Some of his duties here have been of the most unenviable nature, but he appears to have discharged them with discretion and firm-

We commend to our readers' perusal the narrative, which we print below, of General Liu Kintang's dashing advance into Kashgaria, in pursuit of the retreating Chief Bayen Hu. We are familiar with Special Correspondents' reports of European warfare. but a report by a Chinese Viceroy of the operations of troops in Central Asia is a novelty; and Tso Tsung-tang's memorial is really in every way worth perusal. Chinese General's rapid advance will excite as much admiration as surprise. But as he is now (at Ushi), some 700 miles from Turfan, which is itself nearly an equal distance beyond the Great Wall, it does appear as though he stood in terrible danger of being cut off, if Kuli Beg has one-tenth of the power or energy of his late father.

As has been already mentioned, the North-German Consulate at Shanghai has been raised to the rank of a Consulate-General: and Mr Lueder has received the new appointment. We understand that Dr Krauel who has been officiating here for Mr Lueder during the last sixteen months, will go home on leave, on the 18th instant, after a stay of nearly five years in China as Consul at Foochow, Amoy, and Shanghai.

We hear that natives, supposed to reside at Woosung, are carrying out Shên Paocheng's wish for the removal of the telegraph wires from the site of the late Shanghai and Woosung Railway, in a very practical man-ner. On Tuesday or Wednesday, some hundreds of yards, and on Friday night more than two miles in length of the wire. were stolen, and successfully carried away. se is believed, in boats.

WENCHOW.

The Taotal has declined to allow the export of copper cash intended for another Chinese port. A foreign merchant desiring to forward a remittance in this coin by a foreign yessel then on the berth for Ningpo, sent in his bond in the ordinary way to be stamped; this the Taotai refused to do. thus prohibiting the shipment. We have reason to believe that H.E. is acting in opposition to advice coming from a source gire would have thought likely to influence him, simply replying that the supply of other articles of export may always be adjusted to suit external wants without interfering with or stinting the local requirements, whereas this is not the case with copper cash, which, once sent away, never returns (sic), and cannot be reacquired in any other way, he entirely poch-pochs any allusion to the treaty which, it would seem, he assumes is completely set saide by the arguments he has advanced. In this instance, the foreign loss is two-fold, as the vessel loses her Constitution are far more advantageous

of course the merchant is foiled in his commercial attempt. We understand that protest and claim for loss has been duly noted, and that this matter has followed the preceding ones to the proper quarters.

It is snowing here to day, and the weather is altogether unpleasant. If asked, in future, as to the meteorological attributes of Wenchow, we shall with the little Greenock boy, be able to refute the assertion as to constant rain, by the statement that "it whiles snaws."-N. C. D.

TIENTSIN

The fate of the hundreds of thousands of Chinese who are brought face to face with death by this terrible famine, has come to be a problem too vast for this effete Government to grapple with. One may well stand Four hours each day must be devoted to appalled at the proportions which the famine has assumed. It is estimated—and apparently with a fair degree of reliability—that there are 90,000 refugees at Tientsin now. and still they come. There is a large supply of grain both here and at Taku, but I hear doubts are expressed as to there being a sufficient quantity to meet the demand Much of this grain, too, is in the hands of speculators, and if used for the poor must be bought at a high price.

Ten or twelve soup kitchens and cake to learn that Governor Hennessy has by bread is served, have been opened in and around Tientsin. A new soup kitchen, just finished on the 22nd instant, ready for its inmates to enter the next day, took fire and burned up early the next morning. All the buildings of the temple in connection with which the matsheds were erected, were destroyed. This was in the city. Most of the soup kitchens are a few li distant from

It is reported that at each of these conventicles, there were from 70 to 80 deaths on one cold night a few days since—the daily rate being near 30 at each. quantity of food is reduced to the minimum they are huddled together in matsheds as thick as they can lie on the ground, and is impossible for it to be otherwise than that multitudes should perish.

The famine, or something else, seems be having an influence on the troops in the employ of the Viceroy. It is said that each liang-tex, or company of 500, is now being reduced at a monthly rate of ten men-all of whom are being sent to their homes in the

It is very cold. Much snow has fallen far to the south. We are having dark disagreeable days, but no snow .- N. C. L

Japan.

The new postal cards for transmission to foreign countries, of three, five, and six sen. respectively, and stamps of eight sen each for payment of postage to Hongkong, are now on sale at the Imperial Japanese Post

Yesterday afternoon a lady was driving in a pony-carriage along Main Streets, in the direction of the Creek. The occupants of the carriage were the lady driving; on the seat beside her, a native maid-servant nursing an infant; and, sitting on a little dicky behind, a betto. Opposite No. 75. by some extraordinary mischance, the dicky gave way, and fell with the betto to the ground. pony, a spirited one, instantly took fright, General Julius Stabel, who arrived about | and started at headlong speed up the street. the steed continued its career at full gallop, nurse trying to pacify it and keeping her seat with truly commendable courage. The vehicle was whirled round the corner at No. 66 without touching, and at full speed cleared, one after other, the two angles in Water Street opposite Nos. 18 and 20 respectively, and, stranger still, both turns at the narrow bridge opposite the Grand Hotel; the pony continuing its galop up the Camp Hill, near the foot of which its further progress was checked by a gentleman with aufficient courage to attempt, and a wrist strong enough to effect, a stoppage. It is a satisfaction to be able to add that none of the occupants of the carriage were injured. There is truth in the old belief that a special Providence watches over children in danger.

With reference to the loss of the Danish schooner Caroline, we learn that the Japanese Government have notified the Danish Consul that instructions have been issued to the local officials on the northern coasts to institute careful search for traces of the missing vessel.

No more cases between Chinese parties will be heard in the Saibansho now, but will go before the Chinese Consul. The one reported in another column will be adjudicated in the native court, as it had been commenced there long before the arrival of the Chinese functionaries.

Charcoal fumes are to the full as dangerous in the use of those who do not know how to utilize heat without creating mephitis, as Lytton's Vril force would be in the hands of those who are not of the "Coming Race." In a tenement on lot No. 166 the denizen, on going to bed, to create warmth, had two hibachis well charged with lighted charcoal put in his room. Two Japanese servants were sleeping on mats in the same apartment. Mr Goudereau, the proprietor of the house, was passing it at ten o'clock yesterday morning, when he heard such a noise as is He called a Japanese servant and had the of Italy. door of the tenement broken open. Entering, he found that the atmosphere of the chamber was stifling, composed, probably, in most part of carbonic acid gas thrown off by the charcoal. One of the two Japanese servents was apparently lifeless, half way between her mat and the door, which she had tried, in the first access of asphyxia, to reach and open; the other seemed in no better condition, lying as she had first sunk to rest. The foreigner was in what might have been, but for timely succour, his death agony. Energetic measures were resorted to: a strong solution of vinegar was ad-ministered with the result that the male patient was restored to consciousness within twenty minutes. Of the two females one only recovered after patient treatment for more than three hours; and the other this morning, or after being in a state of comafor upwards of twenty hours.

WAR NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL

London. Dec. 15 .- The Post's leading editorial says !- It is understood that the British Cabinet yesterday had before them a circular from the Porte, intimating its willingness to accept the mediation of Europe. The Porte assert! that the guarantees for good government furnished by the

gration of the Empire. The Post, however, considers that there are no present prospects and exhaustively solved. of the acceptance of mediation, as Germany is hostile thereto, and any offer on the part of England is not likely to be well received by Russia.

London, Dec. 16,-The Observer states that it has reason to believe that the Turkish England. The Scotsman's London correwhich might lead to unpleasantness with have to be considered." Russia.

Constantinople, Dec. 16 .- It is reported that England has sounded Russia as to the conditions of peace. The Porte, however, has been informed that Russia desired Turkey to negotiate directly with her, and the mediation would only make the terms

The peace party seems to be gaining

ground somewhat. There is great discontent among the population at Stamboul Seditious placards are frequently found. Pesth, Dec. 16.—A public meeting of from 6,000 to 8,000 persons has adopted resolutions that the Government should resist. even, if necessary, with arms, the further extension of the power of Russia. shops, where millet gruel or steamed corn | The President of the Ministry refused to receive a deputation from the meeting, as it was accompanied by a crowd. The crowd becoming disorderly, the police cleared the

> Constantinople, Dec. 16.—Several of the Powers have already acknowledged the receipt of the Porte's Circular. The tone of Italy's reply is very conciliatory, and friendly. It says that Italy will endeavour to have steps taken, in concert with other Powers, for the purpose of offering media-

Layard, British Ambassador, denies that he has sounded the Porte as to the conditions of peace it would be willing to accept. London. December 17.-A Pera correspondent says: The Turkish Government obviously feels its capability of resistance exhausted, and would gladly make peace upon reasonable terms, but it appears to have no definite programme.

There is no foundation for the report that the Russian Minister at Copenhagen was negotiating with Denmark with a view to proposing Prince Woldemar or Prince John of Glucksberg for ruler of Bulgaria.

The Russian Minister of Finances has notified the loan contractors that he has determined not to receive the second instalment of the war loan, amounting to fifteen million marks, the option of refusing which he has reserved.

London, Dec. 17 .- A rumor was current in Constantinople on Sunday that)sman Pasua was dead. This report was not credited yesterday, as no information can reach Constantinople from Bucharest, and the latest advices from Bucharest mention nothing amiss with Osman,

The Telegraph this morning asserts that despatches have reached London from Bucharest, that Osman has poisoned himself, and that it was believed that he was actuated by the Mahommedan's horror of amputation, which the surgeons informed him was necessary. The story is still doubtful. A special from Constantinople asserts that Osman has telegraphed to his family that his wounds are progressing well.

London, Dec. 17 .- A Berlin correspondent telegraphs that Germany has replied to In front of No. 61 the lady was thrown out | the Turkish note that German participation of the carriage into the muddy road, and in meditation depends upon Russia's consenting to parley. The North German the child screaming with terror, and the Gazette and the National Gazet e concur in declaring that the Powers will not listen to furkey's appeal.

> London, Dec. 17.—The Bears on the Stock Exchange are circulating rumors probably groundless, that Lord Derby, Foreign Secretary, and Marquis Salisbury, Secretary of State for India, have resigned. Greece has resolved to adhere to a peace

General Petrovich, the Montenegriu commander. has been summoned to take charge of the forces sent to Novi Bazar to effect a junction with the Servians.

The reported suicide or death from any cause of Osman Pasha is officially denied from Burcharest. Bucharest, Dec. 17.—Colonel Wellesley,

British military attaché, says: Osman

Pasha had less than 30,000 men at Plevna. and in his sortie lost 6,000 killed. The wounded must have been 6,000 more. Erzeroum, Dec. 17.—Two Russian divi sions are moving to cut Turkish communications with Trebizond and attack Erzeroum

from the north. London, Dec. 18.-Morning.-A Vienna correspondent telegraphs: Turkey's first acific effort may be regarded as a failure. Germany hinted that treating directly with Russia would be the shortest way of coming to an understanding. It seems that when the note-was first mentioned. Austan Government replied that it could not hold out any hope of successful nego-

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—It is generally believed here that the Porte's appeal for the mediation of the Powers will have no result. Layard, the British Ambassador, has informed the Turkish Government that England will continue to observe neutra-

tiation on such a basis.

Constantinople, Dec. 17. - France has replied to the Turkish note. The terms sleepers lie uncovered on the top of longionly produced by the terrible death-rattle. of her reply are almost identical with those tudinal beams, is no easy work. Nor could

It is said that the Porte has decided to grant fuller autonomy to Crete to allay discontent in that island.

Bucharest, Dec. 17.—It is known to many that the Cau was privately warned last August that if Russia entered on a second sampaign it would be impossible to restrain England from hostile action. Influential Russians consider the present moment highly favorable for direct negotiations between Russia and Turkey.

London, Dec. 17 .- While Lord Derby Tunbridge Wells yesterday the horses attached to the carriage becoming frightened ran away. The coachman was instantly escaped with a slight shaking.

Rome, Dec. 17.-The Court of Appeals has sentenced the publisher of the Orators Romano, the daily organ of the Vaticanand elerical party, to six months' imprison- in flames. ment for libe ing the ministers of the Italian Free Church.

London, Dec. 17 .- A telegram from St. says ! The statement that Germany and Austria had refused Turkey's request for mediation produced a favorable impression. The universal sentiment is that, considering the great sacrifices Russia has made. peace on the conditions foreshadowed in

Porte's circular.

Circular was despatched at the instance of published the following in an official form -"Another Cabinet council will be held spondent says it is understood that the to-day. The serious aspect of foreign English Government does not wish to act affairs engages the constant attention of without the concurrence of other Powers. | the Ministry. It is felt that the time has It is most anxious to avoid complications arrived when momentous questions may

AFTER PLEVNA? (From a Times Correspondent.)

Vienna, 15th Nov.

The war in the East has been forced by the iron grip of approaching winter into a atate of comparative inactivity, and time is allowed, while Plevna still holds out and Erzeroum is supposed safe, to look round and gather some idea of what the real situation of affairs may be from a military point of view. But it is necessary to argue from some reasonable premises, and at

present the most reasonable seem to be that in the end, either in a few weeks, or in early spring, Osman, and his heroic army will be driven from the lines which their defence has made memorable, and that the Russian Army thus liberated may be in a position to make a serious advance into Thrace and Ro melia.

It is on this advance that there appears to be a great amount of misconception, and notably on the subject of Adrianople first, as to its power of resistance; secondly, as to its importance to Turkey strategically and lastly, as to the weight its loss might have in securing concessions from Turkey as the price of peace. But to follow the argument step by step we must return to Pleyna, which, we will say, in the early spring of next year no longer detains almost the whole Russian power from any other operations. As the general idea among all military authorities seems to be that the Russians will neither waste the time nor have the power to besiege and capture successively such places as Rustchuk, Silistria Shumla, and Varna, we can only suppose they will detach a force sufficiently large to mask each of these formidable places, and that in their advance into Thrace they will have the uncomfortable sense of insecurity which such a condition of affairs must entail. However, we will concede that this is found practicable. Pleyna failen. Orkhanló passed, Suleiman with his army compelled to remain in one of the fortresses of the Quadrilateral. We will suppose further that Zimmermann has overwhelmed the army before him, and that he can assist to masking Varna, or even detach sufficient of his 40,000 men to pass between Shumla and Varna and seize on the Slivno Pass of the Balkans. In the meanwhile, the main army of Russia

has divided into two columns-the one marches to Sofia, the other on Gabrova Reouf is driven from his almost una sailable positions flanking the Schipka road. and the other passes -- which are only fit for Infantry-the Khain, and the Fordych, have been forced. We will now take a bird's eye view of the situation.

On the fertile plales of Roumelia lying between the lesser Bakans and the river Maritza there is a great Russian army forming part of a curve, with its left flank resting on the Balkans, whose passes are safe and closed against all attack by the Turkish armies issuing from the beleaguered fortresses of the Quadrilateral in Bulgaria Its right stretches out towards the chauses on the road from Eski Zara to Chirpan or Karabunar, and thus secures the junction with the column which has gone round vis Sofia, and which having swept the Turkish forces out of Philippopolis completes the other part of the curve which is to close round Adrianople. Now, the next question to consider is what kind of country lies before them and what resistance a fresh Turkish army from Constantinople might offer. The country before them as far as Adrianople is for all practical purposes an uninterrupted plain. At no place does the river Maritza, which lies lengthways along their road with some turns and twists, present any obstacle. The only position capable of any resistance worth speaking of would be Tirnova-Semanly, on the Mariza, which is the junction of the Yamboli and Tartar Bazardjik Railways. But this posttion could be easily outflanked by a movement on Hermenly or Mustafa Pasha.

So far as the railway in Roumelia is concerned, I think it is pretty safe to predict that it will be of no possible use to the Russians. I have heard military men say over and over again that the railroad is the best of roads. My own experience of warfare is that it is one of the worst-ar opinion, however. I advance with every wish to be corrected, if any reasons can be advanced against it. Of course, in mountainous and impassable countries the rail road may often be the best; but in the plains of Roumelia it certainly is not Good country roads traverse these plains in all directions, and from early Spring to late utumn are practicable for any kind o wheels. On the other hand, to drag artil lery and ammunition waggons over half buried alceners and broken-down culverts. or to get them over bridges where the the Russians count on seiling any rolling stock, for it is not probable the rallway companies would leave any carriages or engines where they were likely to fall into the hands of the enemy, especially as they would incur the risk of these carriages and engines being destroyed by the Turks if they had not removed them to the central depots, Adrianople or Constantinople. That this particular duty of destroying railway plant is most grateful to a Turk I had an opportunity of observing at Kustenje, when great pressure had to be brought to bear on and another gentleman were driving at the Pasha in command of that part of the Dobrudia in order to prevent him from wantonly and unjustifiably destroying the property of the Kustenie and Tohernavoda killed, but Lord Derby and his companion Railway Company when it clearly was not his duty. It was with difficulty he was brought to reason and made to forego the childish pleasure of seeing the extensive wharves, depote, factories, and rolling stock To return to the Russian army advancing

through Roumelia. The road lies through a partial depression in the plain where the Petersburg, of a semi-official character, broad and shallow stream of the Maritis, with a great many small affluents, affords every facility for an army to march or encamp, where food and forage are abundant, and the climate so fine that for months the army would require no tents. At a few points the Turks might possibly offer refreight and has to take ballast in lieu, and then the establishment of Autonomous the Porte's circular would be illusory, and sistance between Mustein Pesha

six months, but it must be known to any during the whole war, will provide the traveller on the line between Constantinople | means for its continuance. and Adrianople; and it must be borne in mind that on those vast plains Cavalry will | idea of a Russian army making a push for perform conspicuous service in any future | Adrianople at this time seems wild and imcampaign. But, apart from the power of probable. By what pass or passes during resistness which Adrianople offers to an the bitter winter weather in the Balkans advancing army, there is the other mis | they are to descend into Thrace is not conception to which I alluded-namely, its stated. If they go round by Sofia it cannot importance to Turkey strategically. Even | be done so secretly that Adrianople will fall supposing Adrianople is captured by a by a coup de main. Reouf Pasha still holds regular siege, an assault, or a coup de main, the Schipka. Ktain and Ferejish are imwhat then?

which the Russians would not like to leave | extension of the scare about Adrianople to in their rear, is in reality of no strategical a fear of an appearance by the Russians at importance to Turkey. It is difficult to the gates of Constantinople, it is about as an enormous plain country can be. neither guards a pass, nor insu es a road, | immediate withdrawal of the whole British it cannot protect of itself the railway Army from India. twenty miles away from its own station, it to do with protecting the railway junction [below it where two lines branch off the reflection of another generation. Enos, and so to Gallipoli, and to Constantinople, than Reading, if fortified, would protect London and Portsmouth; in fact, much less, the distances in the former case. being so much preater, and consequently, the defence weaker; however, as we are promised such great things next year from the Russian army, and as we are all rather inclined to think the Turks are nearly played out, for argument take we will imagine Adrianople fallen by next June. The Russian army has now got as far

in that disastrous war in which such dreadful disease broke out among them that they were decimated in a short time. but still "dictated terms of peace" and retired. If there is any one thing more sure than another, it is that the Turks have no intention of permitting their rulers to accept any terms until they are driven to the last stage. This last stage, I am of opinion, is not arrived at by the capture of Adrianople. In one respect General Gourko's bold advance into Roumelia has been of incalculable advange to the Ottoman Empire. It has been the cause of extraordinary activity on the part of the Turkish Government in hastening forward the fortifications about Constantinople, and when I passed those lines in the early weeks of last September I was astonished to see what extraordinary progress had been made. But not only are these lines in a thorough condition of preparation, lines in comparison with which Torres Vedras are weak, but at a point where the railroad and all other country roads converge and begin to climb up out of the great Roumelian plain, a series of earthworks of almost impregnable strength has been constructed, which could hold an army in check for months. As the railway sweeps round in a great curve of many miles so that the ascent may be more gradual, one passes through a succession of low hills, presenting nothing from their base, but when a sufficient altitude is obtained they are observed to be trenched in every possible direction, honeycombed with rifle pits, and enfilleding every possible approach. The impression on the mind as the train carries one on beyond these formidable lines towards Constantinople is one of scourity, and the idea of the Russians Sycee, 9 "knocking at the gates of Constantinople" vanishes into moonshine. Of course, it may be opened to the Russians to march on Gallipoli; but that is rather an awkward matter for discussion, and there are other Discount, 6 to 8 people who would have a voice in that knotty question. Moreover, my military friend who was also at Gallipoli on a tour l of inspection, thought that a very few men and a very few spadesful of earth would make the place as strong as it ever was.

From Adrianople eastwards towards Constantinople, after a certain stretch of fertile land, the country becomes one vast acrubby and unprofitable plain, with occasional hills of 200 ft, or 300 ft, high, This plain is in many places covered by a strong growth of arbutus and stunted ilex. such as may be seen for interminable miles flanking the railway between Leghorn and Rome on the Maritime Line, Roads are Hongkong Hotes Co., \$57 plentiful, or rather tracks | but water is Chinese Imperial Loan, £104 scarce, and after the Marita, bends away to the south streams become rare and are dried up in summer. In the meanwhile every step the Russians take towards Constantinople, their communication becomes more difficult, for now they are liable to a formadiable flank attack from an army advancing from the Gulf of Bourges, supposing the Turks have one to spare. Another 50 milles further on and the land becomes almost a desert, and is quite uninhabited except by a few fever-stricken peasants, whose sole means of subsistence is a herd of ragged hungry-syed goats. This would not be the pleasantest place for the carrying on of a protracted siege, with supplies no nearer than Adrianople upwards of 150 miles away. In further equaldering the probability of

States, which can only lead to the disinte- | that the questions which brought about this | Adrianople, but I think it is very impro- | Turkey accepting terms of peace dictated sanguinary war must be definitely and bable they would, so that the first check the from Adrianople, we must remember that Russians would receive would be some eight | practically to the Turks it does not much London, Dec. 17,--- Cabinet council or ten miles to the eastward of Adrianople, matter how long the Russians occupy their was held to-day. It is believed that the where a rong line of earthworks had been territory. For all practical purposes the object of the meeting was to further con- made. But by this time it is only reason- greater part of their European Provinces sider questions in connection with the able to suppose that the Turks could have have been lost to them during the whole of assembled a garrison sufficient for the outer | the war-partly by the occupation of the London, Dec. 18 .- Morning. -The Post line and for Adrianople itself, and I have it enemy, partly by the pillage, massacre, and as the opinion of a most competent military incendiarism of their own troops; so that authority, who was with me in Adrianople as far as the Turk of the capital is concerned last summer, that the lines of Adrianople | the Russians may stay as long as they like itself are extremely strong. I think he -a very much more expensive operation estimated the force required as a most for them than for the Turks. Moreover. effective garrison for Adrianople at 25,000 Turkey is a country where the ordinary to 30,000 men. It is in the last degree relations which exist between a capital and improbable that Turkey could be reduced its Provinces are not to be found. Conto such straits that she could not muster stantinople—by which I mean all the inhathis force. This military authority to whom | bitants of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles-I have referred was during our stay in and the people of the Provinces have dis-Adrianople permitted in his official capacity | tinct and separate existences, which the to make the most minute and careful ex- continuation of the war only helps still amination of the whole of the defences of further to cause to diverge. The rural the neighbourhood, and even at that time | Turk looks on Constantinople as some provisions for eight months for an army of great, but necessary evil in the order of the not less than 40,000 men were officially universe, which for some unexplained cause reported to be in the place. Allowing a swallows the tithes of his earnings. The large margin for the ordinary misstatements | dwellers of the city who, as far as the rural and peculation, these provisions can hardly population are concerned, are untaxed. besupposed to be less than half that amount. look on their country brethren as bumpkins. Now, Adrianople is not only in immediate | born to be imposed on, but as having no connexion by rail with the capital and the kind of right to meddle in the direction of Gulf of Enos, but would have in its rear a affairs. With these feelings existing bewheat-growing country, the crops of which | tween them, it is easy to understand that would be ready by June, unequalled in the their interests in war are purely selfish, and world, while to the rear of that again come | therefore I believe it will be found that the vast uncultivated plains which would when war does come knocking at their produce enough hay to feed the Cavalry of gates, the people of the capital will display the whole Empire. I am not at liberty to | an energy that has been little foreseen. specify the particular spot where I saw | while the riches of Turkey, which have been sufficient hay stored for 20,000 horses for steadily accumulating in Constantinople

> Before closing, I would remark that the passable with ice, and Slivno is dangerously Adrianople in itself, except as a place near an army from Shumla. As to the see how any city set down in the middle of probable as that the Ameer of Afghan will It detach a force to Calcutta to demand the

I sum up by saying I do not believe the can neither supply troops to another dis- Turks will consider themselves beaten if tant city, nor receive supports. Therefore, | Adrianople falls, and that if they have only I asked, why do we find so much importance | the fortitude to wait until the Russians are attached to the capture of Adrianople? A near Constantinople they will have an glance at the map will show that Adriano- opportunity of giving their foe a lesson ple is only more important than Phillip- | which hitherto, in all his wars of aggression popolis because it happens to be so many and invasion, he has been wise enough to miles nearer he capital. It has no more to avoid, and Europe, if she is wise, will icave the troublesome." Question " for the

> "Berreley, Sept. 1869.—Gentlemen, 1 feel it a duty I owe to you to express my gratitude for the great benefit I have derived by taking 'Norton's Camomile Pills,' I applied to your agent Mr Bell, Berkeley. for the above-named Pills, for wind in the stomach, from which I suffered exernclating pain for a length of time, having tried nearly every remedy prescribed, but withderiving any benefit at all. After taking two bottles of your valuable Pills. I was quite restored to my usual state of health. Please give this publicity for the benefit of those who may thus be afflicted. -I am, Sir, yours truly, HENRY ALLPASS, -To the Proprietors of Nobton's Camo-MILE PILLS."-1f8sep78.

Quotations.

Honekong, January 19, 1878. PIUM.—New Patna, cash....\$605 credit. — Old Patna, cash,... None credit. — New Benares, cash, 575 Old Benares, cash, None credit, ---New Malwa, cash, credit, 700 Allowance Tacin, ---Old Malwa, cash, -oredit, 710 Allowance Taels, -

Exchange. Bank, on demand, 3/10} 30 days' sight, 3/104 6 months' sight, ... 8/11 Documentary, 6 months sight, .. 3/11 Sombay, demand Rupees, ... 2241 Calcutta, Shanghal, demand, ... 71 30 days'.... ... 72} Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 10 % Mexicans, I Di Q. pm. Gold Lest. ... 26.20 finglish Sovereigns, ... 5.06 Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.06

Bhares,

Hongkong Bank, 58 % prem. Union Ins. Society or Canton, \$1,150 China Traders' lns. Co., \$8,100 Chinese Incurance Co., \$260 Yangtsze Ins. Assoc, Tla. 610. North China Ins. Co., Tis. 860 H.K. Fire Ing. Co., \$685 China Fire Ins. Co., \$176 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 7 % dla. H. K. O. & M. S. boat Co., 12 % dia. Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tis. 28 Hongkong Gan Co., 875 Do. 1877, £102,10/.

Temperature.

(Takon at Maste Halsoner & Oo.'s Premiss. Queen's Road,) Honoxona, January 19, 1878, BAROMETER- 9 A.M ... 80.520 1 P.M. ... 30,420

PHERMOMETER-9 A.M.,.. 1 P.K. ... 4 P.M. sia sea Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. Do. Do. 1 P.M. Do. Do. 4 P.M. Do. Maximum ... 52 Do. Minimum over night Portfolia.

WAPENTAKE. TO ALFRED TENNYSON.

Poet! I come to touch they lance with mine; Not as a knight, who on the listed field Of tourney touched his adversary's shield In token of defiance, but in sign Of homage to the mastery, which is thine

In English song; nor will I keep concealed And voiceless as a rivulet frost-congealed, My admiration for thy verse divine. Not of the howling dervishes of song, Who craze the brain with their delirious dance.

Art thou, O sweet historian of the heart Therefore to thee the laurel-leaves belong. To thee our love and our allegiance. For thy allegiance to the poet's art.

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

-Atlantic Monthly.

A STORY OF THE TRANSVAAL.

Returning from South Africa, in 1872. among my shipmates was a shy Hollander. who held communication with none of us. A few words of Spanish which I chanced to use drew him from his shell at length. warmed his heart, he told me, to catch accents which, to my unbiased ear, seem a commingling of lisp and snarl and scream, Speaking no English and very little French. he could talk with no one but myself. But our conversation flagged; Dr. Treksteer carried formality so far as to ask no information when imparting none. upon a certain afternoon somebody proposed to make an exhibition of diamonds -and glorious was the show. From belts and boxes and gimlet-holes in squares of wood the gems were brought to view. Each man ranged his treasures into a little pyramid before him, and even the quartermasters and the boatswain's mate came to sec-each one of whom retired with a firm determination to desert on his next voyage. Dr. Treksteer was immensely interested. His wandering eyes fixed themselves and opened to their fullest. He could not examine the stores too closely; feeling them, counting their angles, weighing them -in hand, and inquiring their value. After this, it became more and more evident to me that the Doctor wished to say something, and I vaguely guessed what it might But his timidity was not to be overcome till we had arrived within a very few days' sail of England. At length, one night, he said, while we were smoking alone on the peop! "Are you quite sure you would know a diamond, without the possibility of mistake?" This was spoken all in one breath, after long but agitated

"Perfectly certain," I replied briskly. Another pause of hesitation-"They're hard to distinguish at night, aren't they?" "Quality is hard to distinguish; but any child in Griqualand could tell a diamond from another stone in the dark."

got up and hammered his pipe nervottaly on the taffrail. "I am afraid you'll think me an old fool," said the

Doctor. " Voyons done!" I answered. "A man who does not give himself is a fool If O'Reilly, the ostrich-hunter, had not ridden into Grahamstown with that pebble which he thought curious, Griqualand would still be a desert. I take It that you have some stones which you fancy to be diamonds. Hand them out, Doctor, and I promise that no one shall ever hear of it."

He hesitated still. "I want to tell you how I got them-" "All right!" I said, "but the story will be much more interesting if we know beforehand what to call these pretty things.

Let us go and see them." With evident misgivings he took me to his cabin, and produced on old Dutch desk of mahogany bound with brass. It was full of yellow papers, dried leaves, and rubbish of that kind which feeble old bachelors collect as they potter through existence. After rummaging all over this deak a time or two, the Doctor found small leathern bag, which I had noticed at the first glance. Before opening it he made another attempt to explain the how and the way of his possessing he knew not what. But I took the bag from him. ruthlessly severed a very Gordian knot, and poured a bright little cascade of diamonds upon the upper bunk. The Doctor's excitement was pitiful; he shook all over with anxiety. But there was no need to keep the poor old fellow in suspense. "These are the real thing," I said at once, "and of good water, apparently, though Bultfontein stones, but you have not been there. Where did you find them !"

"In the Transvasl, eight hundred miles from Bultfontein." This was rather startling. Every one expected that new mines would be discovered at Griqualand : but it was a novel idea indeed that the "diamondiferous formation" stretched so far north. I became more eager to hear this story than was Treksteer to tell it. We mounted to the poop again; and there the Doctor's tale was unfolded. I warn the reader it is no fiction I am writing. To "make up" an adventure of the port is so easy that I. for one.

be in place more fitting at the end.

by hed bahevior, in he sake the full worth shem. Then Peelipents rose up, and good. Kathra never forgot a service, but friend's our liquidation of honor breaking the statement and the stallant comes from."

every trouble, and his reign is one of The boers sprang to their feet with anger, principle, but he felt easy in this case. terror. His amusements are cards and drink, pot-hunting, and harrying his black looked the other in the face for a moment, came to an end. Upon the morning fixed neighbors.

and the sight of Dutch hunters is naturally stood upon their guard. hateful to them. Of late years they have

have arisen upon such disputes. country northward, passed the Crokodyl enormous less should prove worthless! of their exen by "the fly." Bitterly vexed, | ties their rights. they turned eastward, recreased the Sushi, and reached the territory of Emboonda, King of the Batsoetta Kaffirs. Here lacking oxen and forseeing difficulties they thought it best to pay the game license, and to make a present besides. But their proceedings toward the people were not less oppressive. Secure in the King' permission, they wandered freely through his lands. One evening, as they rode back to the wagons, a bushman slave picked up a pebble, and examined it with delight. boer asked him the use of it, and he explained with such stones his people out their digging knives to fix a handle on The rumor of diamond discoveries had already spread to the Transvaal, but none of the party had seen a diamond. They knew, however, that it would bore stones, and on reaching the camp this pebble was minutely scrutinized. agreed that it looked like nothing familiar to their experience, and next day they revisited the spot. It was a marshy piece of ground | of that Dr. Treksteer is quite certain, but as to the locality he could not declare it lay beyond the Sand River, and some two miles from the kraal of Feelipautze, a sub-chief under Emboonda.

There are many lions in the neighborhood. A marsh is not the sort of ground in which an experienced digger would look for diamonds. But if there be one fact proved in geology by the Cape discoveries, It is that we know nothing of the conditions under which a diamond may be expected. I have not the slightest doubt that Treks-

He touched a small roll of cotton hanging on his chest-he wore nothing else besides Treksteer saw something which shook his ously collected. For the Kaffir exposed could cut, glassy white, and shining in the to unwind it wholly, but this the man refused to do, saying it was fetish, and never to be seen. His frandfather found it. and luck had followed the kraal ever since. Nothing would induce him to show, much more to part with it, but Treksteer might pass his fingers over the roll. He did so. and he declares that it was at least an inch and a half diameter ; the angles seemed to be all sharp and unbroken, so that the gem must have weighed five hundred carate at the lowest estimate. Treksteer could not believe in a diamond of this size, and sorrowfully concluded that fortune had once

more betrayed him. The boors worked up while this discussion proceeded, and came to the spot. But at the same time, he flogs them with cosupled to notice, until five hundred manded told him again and again not to provocation enough. Besides, I have not sident does not antidpate an interruption friends will also pay the war contribution and again agai

and the Kaffirs did likewise. Each party Days passed by, and Treksteer's leave

There was heated discussion in the boers' begun to claim a tax upon each rifle, and camp that night. Some of them proposed they are certainly right in doing so. When | to storm the kraal, and kill their verdommt the intruders are weak, they pay; when skellums without more ado; but others strong enough, they regist. Several wars argued that the measure would be unjustifiable, when they did not even know for In 1871 Treksteer was living with a rich | certain that the fetish was a diamond. boer by Leydenburg. At the proper sea- They would have to ride for it after such son his master took unto him six hundred an act, abandoning teams, wagons, and all spirits for a grand chasse. Several "school- in them. How they would be laughed at spread from the east. Presently, long coast of the Mediterranean, at Alexandria. creature has scared at everything he has seen masters" attended. They tracked up the in Pretoria if the object gained with such and Sushi rivers, and began their hunting | for 50 guns, they could well afford that as on the extreme border of the testes country. | a speculation; but wagons and oxen and a A chief of the Maselle Kaffirs demanded full cargo of hides are matters much more his due of a pound a gun, but falled to get | serious. So it was resolved to visit the He ordered his people to give the kraal next day, and accede to the Kaffir's invaders no assistance, but they took what | terms. They would cast lots in a Bible they wanted and shot as they pleased. | which should take the diamond away, and Wandering just too far, however, they the schoolmasters were set to draw a bindcrossed the fatal boundary, and lost a num- | ing document which should assure all par-

> Next day they called on Feelipautze. Intimate knowledge of the Kaffir customs told them at a glance that the tribe was Cattle had vanished, and young children; while of fighting men scarcely one could be absent. Feelipautze, however, was all politeness and good humor. He gave them Kaffir beer to drink, and allowed every one to see the corner of his amulet : but as for selling it, he was more than ever resolved to decline. And the boers, sobered by morning reflection, and rather startled to see the chief's fighting force, did not try to bully him. But their confidence in the diamond was so much increased, that they positively offered all the rifles of the party for it, to be there and then delivered over. Such temptation was never resisted by Kaffir, and beer never proposed such an act of madness. But Feelipautze explained with frankness that he dare not part with his fetish. His own people would not allow it, and Emboonda, his suzerain, would certainly out him into little bits for such an act of treason. Treksteer's patron, however, warmed by Kaffir beer, had an order written for fifty guns, directed it to mounted Hottentot there and then, and spite of all assurances that it would do no good. But other troubles arose.

pretty daughter, as Treksteer reports. One sides, I cannot tell, but it lasted a matter boer fell in love with the karess, and one of ten days; and no doubt it was most teer spoke the truth, and he says that his with the girl. Feelipautse was willing to ingenious. In the end, Treksteer made a Indian loss, 55, master and slaves picked up forty-two part with either at his own price. But he desperate resolution. He "swore" Emstones that day, of the same sort as asked three pounds—an ox, that is -for the bounda's life upon his vassal's fetish. No those he showed me, and that the whole kaross; the boer would give him no ox, and Kaffirs were present, or such treason would party gathered over a bundred and fifty. offered only two pounds in gold. Otter is have cost the life of both. Feelipautze, He himself, among fourteen, had the the most valuable of all the furs at the his eyes startling, and grey with superstilargest found-about four carats, as I judg- Cape. Excited by the previous discussion, | tions fear, asked what the Doctor wanted. They averaged perhaps, rather less and knowing himself to be prepared for To recover his own effects, and no more, than two carats. Much ponderous joking events, the chief did not bargain with that had Treksteer set this awful machinery in there was over the matter, and many supjes | deference thought becoming in a black man | movement, And Feelipautze promised to of "Cape Smoke," so that when the sun toward a boer. When two sovereigns were let him have them. grew hot all the boers went to sleep under forced into his hand, he threw them angrily This story was told me in the dark, upon a cameeldorn tree. A number of Kailirs away, and one could not be found upon the poop of the good ship Mersey, homeward had assembled to observe these extraor- a search. Words grew very threatening bound from the Cape. The Doctor gave it dinary proceedings. Through the slaves indeed, the boer asking his sovereign or his in a language unfamiliar, without graces of they learned what was going on, and a kaross, the Kaffir declaring that he himself style, and in tones hurried and nervous. brawny fellow approached Treksteer, who had pocketed the coin. In the midst of had lately gone through adventures of my still searched, though his eyes seemed this row a messenger forced his way through own, and each of my comrades gambling in burning in his head; what an overpowering | the crush, and told Feelipautze that a little | the saloon below could have recounted some motive was his to keep at it! The Kaffir son of his was tossed by a bull. The strange experience. We were rather blass grinned in friendly style and said, "They're affection of Kaffirs for their children while with that sort of thing in the Diamond only little stones you find here! Look at young is almost exaggerated, and the chief fields. But the next chapter of the forgot his anger on hearing such news. He Doctor's tale thrilled me. I had been imremembered only the white man's fetish in patient for its end, burning to ask more healing, and begged its help. Treksteer | details about the situation of that marsh. feathers—and pushed back the end of it. had been brought up to medicine, and he But I had not expected a catastrophe so offered to go at once, his master raising no dramatic. whole faith in the pebbles he had so labori- objection. Thereupon the party broke up, Feelipautze hurrying to the distant kloof day. An hour's ride brought them to a an angle, sharp and true as the instrument | where his son had met with this accident. | solutary hill, a lost kop, as the boers would Treksteer found the child bruised and say. Skirting it, they came upon a little one? sun's rays like a star. He asked the Kaffir shaken, but not burt seriously. He stopped lake, surrounded by trees. Soon afterward a day with him, however, finding several | the wagon track was hit, and then, sudother cases that appealed to his kindly skill. | denly, a thorn fence rose before them. It Upon returning to the boars' camp he ran betwirt trees and water. Feelipautze learned that the admirer of the otter-skin | made a gesture, signifying, What you want koross had taken it in the confusion, and so lies there !- and sat upon the ground, proud was this hero of this feat that he Treksteer went on, looking for an entrance. wore the trophy upon all occasions. The The chief called, and gave him an axe tion of the country will remains the most "In order to secure the shores of that sea," natives said nothing, but looked askance.

The Hottentot had taken with him two led horses, as is the custom when undertaking a long journey. He might be expected back in a fortnight at the latest, for he would travel very quick after reaching the settlements, where his horses could be exchanged from farm to farm. The boers resolved to await his return their wagons were loaded already, but nothing in parhimself on any point. But comment will They had felt no disappointments in life... they had sold the besides, all were used to nothing to make them distrust the Fates, intoxicating beverages of the Kaffir | so branches ment of the proper ratio between a gold to the other conditions of peace, the Golds Treksteer was a successful merchant in especially when kind, They fell into they prepared for a time of idle joility, Bouth America, until a revolution destroy. florce raptures over the stone-one offering such as Treksteer dreaded above every ed his stock, and the failure of some great a farm for it, another 12 span of often, a mood of his savage patrons. I can underhouse rulned his credit. At flity years third 60 guns, This last proposal shook stand that they made this nervous old man old he had to begin life once more with the Kaffir for a moment—we are telling of their butt, and a butt has the "roughest" of very small resources in himself, and none six years ago, when a few grand chiefs all times in the Transvaal. Treksteer asked outside. His brother and partner returned owned 50 guns. But superstition out- leave to visit his parent in the klog, and to Holland | but he, dreading the climate, weighed cupidity, and he refused with his master gave him a week. The Kaffirs and wisely distructful of his ability to make firmness. The boers looked at one another, had not withdrawn their cattle or their way among a hard race of men, chose to They had rifles and revolvers, 50 shots at families from the refugera sign that they seek his fortune at the Cape. There he least, and the Kaffirs round had only did not think the danger past. The spot, drifted straightway into tutorship, if one spears. Probably the man took alarm i he of course, was naturally strong, such as boys may so call the business. But among said, "What security have I for the 50 and veterans could defend with a reasonable wealthy boors, of whom there are many in guns? You may take my fetish, and strike hope of success. But the space was not the Transvaal, the achoolmaster is an me dead with it. A great fetish it must enough to feed some thousand of cattle, and officer of the household, as one may say, be, or you would not offer so much money. Very hard work it proved to keep the poor Though the fermer have no children, he Come, make me terms " So they all sat beasts alive. The boys would take out no still keeps a pedagogue to read and write | tinder the cameeldorn and argited, the more than a few hundreds at a time, though his letters, to advise him in politics and schoolinacter negotiating, of course. The they howled to see their darling creatures social matters, and to amuse him with shrowd Kaffir proposed that one should get thinner day by day. A Kaffir loves his Stories of the world beyond the farm. The fetch the guns, while the rest remained hildren, but his very soul is moved by the schoolmaster, in fact, is half secretary, half with him. But this would not do, for the loss of an ex. Before the Doctor's leave steward, all cervant. In a few embarramed envoy must carry the fetish with him expired, still greater vigilance was introbut pregnant words, Dr. Treksteer let me to ascertain its value, and not one of duced. Military orders prevailed, sentiles understand what homiliations, drudgery, the boers would trust shother to seturn. were strengthened into pickets, and the and unkindness he had passed through in The debate continued till afternoon; and garrison slept upon its arms. So Treksteer twenty years of his life. The Transvasi meanwhile group after group of Kaffirs concluded that his friends would be making boer is a white Kuffir, raised above the came strolling to the spot without domon; a more jovial time of it their common. He tayage in few respects, and in several stration. The whole force of the kraal bimself received the kindest treatment, beneath him. He despises the secretary, assembled gradually, each man with assegals, especially after it came out that he was not

of his money. Blows are his resource for humoredly declined to make a bargain experience did not quite confirm the general letter. My brother offered me a home 've Of contse ! "

the white men surprised, the negroes firm for his return he rose before daylight, but Once a year the boers go for a battue of and ready, assegais perpendicularly poised, the camp had long been astir. When the such topographical information as he could shivering like reeds in a breath of Summer Doctor left his but he found that all the give, and obtained his promise to com-Each has his great wagon, and sometimes wind. My children have come to seek women had retired into the kloof itself. Up municate with friends of mine in Amstertwo, with slaves and riding-horses. Not me," said Feelipautse; "now I will go with to this time they had lived in rude shanties dam. He never did so. Using such clues many years ago it would have seemed them." He shook hands all round, and just outside its mouth, trusting for safety as we had, some gentlemen joined with me impossible to exhaust the Transvaal hunting marched across the Veldt, his warirors to the sentinels who stood on each bill-top in seeking Feelipautze, but without success. ground, but murderous driving has, thinned behind him. A hundred yards away Feeli- between their refuge and the kraal. But Emboonda we discovered easily; but no them. The most eager sportsman could pautze struck up his war-song in low grave the fires were all gray beneath the ashes in such kraal as that described. The King satisfy himself any day, even now, but the tones; his followers took up the strain, that gray and chilly dawn. Not a soul lost his temper on being pressed, and our boer looks upon the chase as a matter of and as they wound off into the distance answered to the Doctor's shout. Rough messengers returned. Their belief was that business. He counts to fill his enormous they chanted it with the full power of their walls, interlapping, guarded the kloof, and Feelipautze had been murdered for the wagon with horns and hides, nor will he stout lungs. The boers have had reason the space between—through which alone sake of his fetish. Perhaps he made a give himself much trouble in the doing of to study each intonation of that threatening entrance could be made—had been filled difficulty in surrendering it. No Kaffir chief, Consequently, he goes further and chorus, and they well understood the hint, with thorn bushes during the night. It by this time, is ignorant of the value of a further afield every year when bent on one Begun in a low key, and accompanied by would have been easy to scale the slopes on diamond, and Emboonda would be backed of these grand expeditions. The Kaffir no foaming dances, it meant a grave warn- either hand, but Treksteer had seen too by all his tribe in declaring it treason for a chiefs, however, value their own game, ing only, an indication that the Kaffirs much of Kaffirs to attempt it. Low-lying vassal to possess such a king of stones. mists hung there, and the coarse herbage Belgravia. was white as with frost. But through the ateam and the untrodden grass fierce eyes were watching. So stealthily and noiselessly does the Kaffir begin war.

observing his horse tethered by the door. The old men and women did not dare to warn him unauthorized. He mounted and rode over the Veldt. A pale fresh light rapidly. The sun rose, not misty as with hoge stone in the mountain, has quite a to that with an intropidity and a recklessdew-white grass. Unmolested the Doctor went, through lands utterly unpeopled to all seeming. But he knew his lonely course was marked from cerie to cerie. Six or seven miles on the backtrall there was an-All was still as he approached, but at the very entrance a Kaffir challenged him. He stopped dead, and presently appeared an could be drawn from chief or subaltern, He rode back, not unconsoled, and him with hearty goodwill.

Three or four days passed without alarm, to Napoleon and Mohammed Ali." and then Feelipautze arrived. Preparations not too soon, for the cattle were nearly ment in talking with his guest. He first denied any war at all, then made solemn oath that the white men had not been concerned in it. But not in vain had Treksteer passed twenty years in the wilderness. He laid his hand upon the Kaffir's dismond, and swore him by that great fetish. Feelipautze broke off in a rage and rode home, Treksteer following. Arrived at the kraal he sought his friends' encampment, which had evidently been deserted for many a day. No signs of fight lay around. his agent at Pretoria, and sent it by a The wagon track ran northward, and Treksteer's experience told him that the camp had been shifted leisurely, without alarm. He did not think it prudent to The chief possessed an otter-skin kaross follow, but returned to Feelipautze and which hung over a cross-beam in his kraal. asked information. The fencing and diplo- law. He possessed also a pretty daughter-a very | macy, not to mention the lying, on both

Trek teer and the chief went alone next

hanging to his own waist-belt. The Doctor important of the national interests, and it says, "against attack, Russia must, as knew then what lay inside the fence. He says that time will furnish an ample an act of self-preservation, retain Ardahan, cut a gap. Under trees beyond he saw the vindication of the policy adopted by the Kars, and Batoum, which is the natural big wagons standing. Advancing toward Government in the South. The President harbour of Kars. For the same reason them, a vile stench filled his nostrile. adheres to the resumption of specie, protests she must insist that the Bosphorus and the Presently be kicked a skeleton in the long against the payment of the principal or Dardanelles shall be closed to all ships of grass, then another. Vultures had done interest of the United States bonds in war except those of Russia and Turkey. their work and gone. Some of the oxen silver, and recommends the revision of the If the navigation were made entirely free, lay tumbled in their tracks, some had tariff, with a tax of 10 cents per pound on bostile fleets such as the English might fallen headlong in the act of galloping. | tea and 2 cents on coffee, for the purpose | pass along the Russian coasts which would Human remains here were all negro. Going of increasing the revenue. He favours the hardly be as timid and inefficient as the fleshless ribs. Treksteer identified master, pinned to the earth by a spear smount, with the express provision of ex- Herzegovina, into an independent State Not beers only did he flud but their luck cepting the public debt from payment in under the rule of a member of one of the less schoolmasters, all dead and rotting any coinage of less value than the present European dynasties | the grant of an inde-The guns of the parly stood round a tree, No resistance had been made. As they eat round a fire, the Kaffirs had stolen up to them, and killed every man with one flight of astegals. Then they murdered the slaves, and even the cattle.

Among the bodies Treksteer recognized Europe, the President says that neutrality milliards of france from France, we cannot with shuddering disgust one not belonging has been maintained towards Russia and claim less. The German armies were mains to his party—asmall, slight shape—a girl's. Turkey, who had shown due regard for tained in France at the expense of the Further clue to the tragedy he never

knows both boor and Kailir. Nothing had been taken or touched in the wagons. Treksteer found his effects, packed be allowed to disturb their friendship or and the indemnity can in her case be therethom, and left the dreadful scene. Feell- frustrate justice. All points of disagrees fore hardly smaller than that of Germany, pautie sat outside the gap crooning his war. ment would be settled in due time, post It might be replied that Torkey has no song. Before they departed he motioned Treketeer to make up the hole i and then clutching his assegais in one hand and his ferish in the other, he led the way silently toward home. "And so the blace remains to this day i" concluded the Doctor.

"Did you not give information at Pretoria !" I asked

Holland, and I am on my way to him." "They killed the Totty?"

So the Doctor finished. I took from him

THAT NEEDLE. There has been a good deal of talk lately, Treksteer knew what all this meant before respecting the expressed willingness on the is fortunate that these are on both sides of part of the Khedive of Egypt; that the the road, because, as it is now, I never fall American Government should become pos- off twice in succession on the same side. I sessed of a mate to the "Cleopatra Needle." I fell on the same side always, it would get now standing solitary and alone on the to be monotonous after a while. This comers shot across the sky, descending This monolith, cut or quarried out of a to-day, except a hay-stack. He walked up us, but eager, thirsty, dazzling. Its beams history. It was brought from Heliopolis ness that were really astonishing. And it licked his face like fire, and threw a long to Alexandria in the first century of the would fill anyone with admiration to see blue shadow that rode with him over the Christian era; was erected at Heliopolis how he preserves his self-possession in the four centuries before the time of Moses. presence of a barley stack, This dare-devil The Tribune in speaking of this relie of bravery will be the death of this horse some

antiquity, says: "We know, we do not guess, but we think he will get me through the Holy Land. absolutely know, that the eyes of Moses | He has only one fault. His tail has been but Treksteer guessed who the enemy might sion of the most illustrious characters of not like to see a horse too seclabic.

features of our present American civilization, so that both might go down with the passage of coming centuries together. As a contribution from New York, it suggests the following inscription

"Age of shaky architecture. Public building down before fairly set up. "Eight thousand liquor saloons selling poison at ten cents a glass, in defiance of

" Navy of wood, and rotten. "Age of great Indian victories. defeat Chief Joseph. American loss, 73

"Blue glass just pegged out. "Two hundred religions and a defaulter per day i always a church member in good

standing. "Forgery legitimate, if compounded for

"Golden age of lawyers. Fifty thousand and one hundred thousand dollar fees "Large crop of bankrupt and insolvent

churches. Pulpits cost more than the ser-"This monolith was set up Anno Domino, 1878, in the third year of Tweed in jail, at an expense of \$150,000, while 50,000 men, women and children in this city had not a dollar a head to provide again." against a long and hard winter. One hundred thousand tramps ravaging the country, plundering farm houses, robbing foot passengers, burning bridges and

wrecking trains." Egypt is said to contain a whole paper of Cleopatra's needles, and now the St Louis Dispatch wants to know why St. Louis can't secure one, at least. But St. Louis is no more likely to become the happy possessor of one than San Francisco. Hadn't we better try our hand at importing

REFORMS IN THE UNITED STATES. The ordinary session of the United States

tion of the Indian is recommended, and it is pointed out that under certain droumstances Indians might be admitted to citizenship. The President advises a law to that effect, and press that national aid should be afforded to popular education in the southern and other States. In conclusion, the establishment of a national university and museum at Washington is suggested. The Secretary of the Treasury. Mr Sherman, in his report, agrees with the financial policy recommended by the President.

MY HORSE JERICHO. I have a horse now by the name of

Jericho. He is a mare. I have seen re-

markable horses before, but none so remarkable as this. I wanted a horse that could shy, and this one fills the bill. I had an idea that shying indicated spirit. If I was correct, I have got one of the most spirited horses on earth. He shies at everything he comes across with the utmost impartiality. He appears to have a mortal dread of telegraph poles especially; and it day. He is not particularly fast, but other kloof to traverse. A picket of warriors and Aaron have looked upon it, doubtless | chopped off, or else he has sat down on it had its station there, as the Doctor knew. read its hieroglyphic columns; that too hard some time or other, and he has to Rameses the Great (Sesostris) had his light the flies with his heels. This is all kingly banner carved upon it; that Darius, very well, but when he tries to kick a fly off Cambyses, Alexander the Great, the the top of his head with his hind foot, it is under chief, who turned the Doctor back | Ptolemies, Julius Casar, Cleopatra, Mark | too much variety. He is going to get himwith kindly firmness. A young warrior Antony and Augustus knew it; that it was self into trouble that way some day. He accompanied him to the kloof. No news equally known and beheld by Pythagoras, reaches around and bites my legs too. I do Herodotus and Strabo; that a long proces. not care particularly about that, only I do the middle ages have passed before it, from think the owner of this prize had a wrong upon due authority the refugees received the days of Don John of Austria; and opinion about him. He had an idea finally, that it was the first herald of Egypt | that he was one of those flery, untamed steeds, but he is not of that character. The "needle" is not only of beautiful know the Arab had this idea, because when began at once for breaking up the camp- structure, but has a commanding and he brought the horse out for inspection in ertistic appearance. It is 72 feet high and Belrout, he kept jerking at the bridle and starved. The chief felt a visible embarrass- 7 feet 7 inches square at the base, and is shouting in Arabic, "Ho! will you! Do cut from Assonan granite, which, it is said, you want to run away, you fercolous beast, resembles very much the red Scottish and break your neck?" when all the time granite. The inscriptions upon the the horse was not doing anything in the needle" are still very perfect, and so are world, and only looked like as if he wanted the panels engraved upon it. The New York to lean up against something and think. Graphic suggests that on the unoccupied | Whenever he is not shying at things, or space on the one intended for that city reaching after a fly, he wants to do that should be carved some of the prevailing | yet. How it would surprise his owner to know this .- Mark Twain.

HE WAS IN DOUBT.

(Detroit Free Press.) A tramp sat on a doorstep back in Pine street, tenderly caressing his head and shoulders, when his "pard" came up.

"What is the matter with you. Jacob? "I am in doubt, Henry-I am in doubt." "In doubt | what about " "Well, Henry, I went into that alley

gate up there to get something to eat. I might a known somethin 'ud happen for there was a dead book agent layin on the flower bed, and a liniment man, with the side of his head caved in, leanin' up against the peach tree." "Well?"

"You see I silers was ventursum, an I axed a woman standin' there, would she give me a rhubarb ple an a piece of fresh

"Well, what happened then?" "Now, Henry, that's what I'm in doubt about. I don't seem to make out whether the back porch fell down or me, or I stepped on a keg of dynamite and it busted under me. Why-why, Henry, I'd sooner work half an hour than go into that yard

A good story is told of the late Monsieur de Balzac. One night while lying awake in bed, he saw a man enter his room cautious. ly, and attempt to pick the lock of his writing desk. The rogue was not a little disconcerted at hearing a loud laugh from the occupant of the apartment, whom he supposed asleep. "Why do you laugh?" asked the thief. "I am laughing, my good fellow." said Monsieur de Bazlac, "to think what pains you are taking, and what risk you run, in hope of finding money by night in a desk where the lawful owner cannot find any by day."

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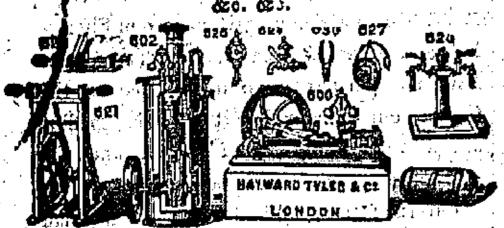
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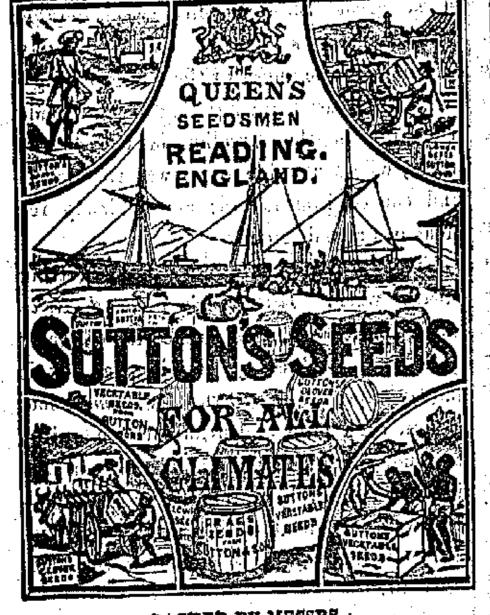
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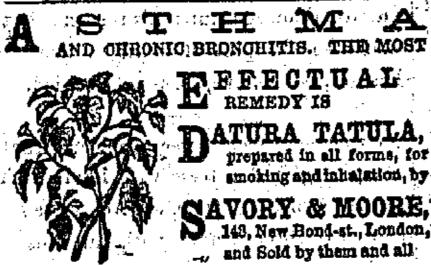
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And Schmitz. Per City of Peking, for Yokohama, 1 Chinese; for San Francisco, 2 Steerage, and 143 Chinese.

Per Holyrood for Halphong, 12 Chiness. Per Patroclus, for Singapore, & Distressed

Per Charlton, for Haiphong, 1 Chinese,

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Boahish steamer Zamboanga reports : Fine weather throughout the passage, The British steamer Rejanattianuhar rebotts: Strong monsoon throughout. Ar-Myed here at 7 a m. The Chinese steamer Hochung reports Mess Theograph of some 19th, Fresh and

strong N.W. to N.E. winds and gloomy weather to Lammocks, thence moderate and fresh Northerly winds and cloudy to

port. Arrived at Hongkong 4 p.m. 19th. The British steamer Zanzibar reports: Left Shimonosaki at noon of 18th instant. Experienced strong monsoon in Formesa Channel. Arrived in Hongkong evening of 18th inst. 8. 8. State of Alabama arrived and anchored in Shimonosaki on morning of 13th en route for Yokohama from Nagasaki. The Zanzibar is the first British steamer that has loaded a cargo of rice at Shimonosaki.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Geelong, sailed 17th January, 1878:-For London: from Canton, 5,625 boxes containing 118,123 lbs. Sc. Caper, 29 cases Silks; from Shangbai, 101 halfchests and 280 pkgs. Tea (particulars unknown), 149 bales Raw Silk, and 35 bales Waste Silk : from Japan, 60 bales Raw For Continent: from Canton. bales Raw Silk, and 125 bales Cocoons from Shanghai, 40 bales Raw Silk, and case Silks; from Japan, 47 bales Raw Silk, and 2 cases Silks. For Boston: from Shanghai, 472 boxes, 208 half-chests and 21 pkgs. Tea (particulars unknown).

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS MAILS will close:-

For SAIGON .-Per Cassandra, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 20th inst.

For HAIPHONG AND HANOL --Per Zamboanga, at 9 a.m. To-morrow,

the 21st inst.

the 20th inst. For SINGAPORE,— Per H.M.S. Fly, at 10 a.m., on Monday,

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOOHOW,-Per Namoa, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 21st inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACENT .-

The Evench Contract Packet TIGRE will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 24th Inst. with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Marscilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Annie S. Hall, American barque, Capt. Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked Paid to Galle only; they will go on from Galle as unpaid,

> The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, drc. :-Wednesday, 23rd Inst.-

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box. which remains open all night.

Thursday, 24th Inst.-7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases,

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late except those to and through Australia.

to Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Closes | Notes and Queries :--

entirely.

Hongkong, January 10, 1878.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET,-The English Contract Packet Mirsapore, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 31st instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, do. :-

Wednesday, 30th instant. 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night,

Thursday, 31st instant,of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and

Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases. 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with LATH FRE of 18 cents extra Postage till

A.M., when the Post Office Crosss entirely. (11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only

addressed to the United Kingdom be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, 11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally

Hongkong, January 18, 1878.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet Oceanic will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows :--

2 F.M. Registry of Letters ceases, 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Per Yangiske, for Shanghal, Mesars Burf Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route; Hongkong, January 19, 1878.

> MEMOS. FOR MONDAY. Shipping. Goods per Cuphrenes undelivered after

> this date subject to rent. Amusement. 8.80 p.m.—Entertainment at Temperance

Hall, Stanley Street,

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

BELIGIOUS SERVICES :--ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL. The Right Reverend Bishop Burdon; The Rev. E. Davys, Acting Colonial Chaplain. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, &c. Military Service,-Rev. J. Henderson,

acting Military Chaplain. At 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, &c. Union Church.—Minister, Rev. James Lamont. Morning Service, at 11 A.M. Afternoon, 6 P.M. - Divine Service in Chinese, 2-3 P.M. every Sunday, with communion on first Sunday of every month,-Rev. Dr. Eitel.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S OHUBOH. - Rev. J. Henderson. Service at 5 P.M., every Sunday. All seats free. Morning Prayer and Communion on the First Sunday in of each month at 11 a.m.

ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION CHURCH.-Rev. altogether from the school work, and B. Hutchinson, and Rev. Lo Sam Yuen. (All Services in Chinese.) Morning Prayer :- Litany, Ante-Communion, and Sermon, at 11 A.M. Bible Class, at 3 P.M. Preaching, at 6.30 P.M. Holy Communion. Ist Sunday in Chinese month.

BERLIN FOUNDLING House. - Service in the German language, by Rev. W. Louis. every Sunday, at half-past ten A.M., in the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House, West Point.

General Memoranda. Pursday, January 22:--

Daylight .- Namoa leaves for Coast Ports. Goods per Mongolia undellvered after this date subject to rent. THURSDAY, January 24 :--

Noon.-French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Noon .- Sale of British barque Alphington. Friday, January 25 :-8 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of the H., C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited,

at No. 50 A, Queen's Road. 4 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of the H. K. Hotel Co., Limited, at Hongkong Hotel. 9 p.m.-Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

THURSDAY, January 81:--Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. FRIDAY, February 1:--

8 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co. Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. Bowen leaves for Singapore, do. on or _ about this date.

SATURDAY, February 2:-Transfer Books of The China Fire insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 18th February, inclusive. FRIDAY, February 15:-

The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 89, Queen's Road. Volume Sixth of the

2.30 p.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of

"CHINA REVIEW."

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-OF THE-

Imperial Confucianism. A Visit to the Country of Gentlemen. The Rhymes of the Shi-king. Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung ming. The Tang Kou Chi.

'11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangel may be posted on payment of a Translatious of Obinese School-books. Short Notices of New Books and Literary

Intelligence. On Silk-worm Oaks, Native Literature on Chinese Porcelain A Chinese Advertisement. Studies of Words. Distillation in China A Chinese Coin. The Desert of Gobi.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c. Unine Mail Office. Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

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> BIRTHS, At Shanghal, on the 8th Inst., at No. 5, Lyceum Terrace, Mrs Alexander Law, of

Hongkong, June 1, 1876,

At Shanghai, on the 11th Instant, the Wife of C. C. BENNETT, of a Son. At No. 9, Seward Road, Hongkow, on the 12th Inst., the Wife of GEORGE L. Skinner, of a Son.

At Shanghai General Hospital, on the 12th January, Alanson Sr. John, Norwalk, Conn.

The publication of this issue commenced st 7.50 p.m.

HUNGRONG, SATURDAY, SAN, 19, 1878.

IT seems to us that Mr Hennessy in his neat little speech yesterday at St. Paul's College did not fairly define the position and objects of those whom he termed " socularists." His Excellency's remarks might very easily lead one to conclude that secularists are an irreligious body, who; as such, object to religion being taught in schools. No greater error than this can possibly get abroad. Many of the leading secularists in England at the present moment are ardent They are secularists as

recognising the value or necessity of the general and local administration of the country treating all denominations of religionists on the same footing, and with perfect impartiality. This is how it happens. As Board Schools are established and supported out of rates levied on all religious parties—Roman Catholic. Church of England, Congregationalists, Latter-Day Saints, and so on ad infinitum it is not regarded as right that those schools should be utilised for the propaga tion of any particular religious dogmas or prejudices, and as it is impossible that some half a dozen beliefs can be taught in one institution, the majority people feel that the only solution of the difficulty is to abolish religion make the same wholly secular—in short become secularists. numbers of Jews, Mahommedans, Buddhists, Deists, and Atheists, are to be found among the tax-payers as in this Colony, secularists feel bound, however much it may be against their own desires. to exclude even the reading of the bible during school hours. Secularists as body, or certainly not those who have posed to the Grant-in-Aid schemes, as the 20th inst., for this port. long as they are arranged on an equitable basis, as among all denominations. or, at least, are confined to the payment the State to teach religion. It is nonsense to speak of secularists as party, separable from religionists. They include some of the most eminent they represent no party, but rather the broad demands of fairness and im- service. partiality, with, perhaps, some amount within its reach, and voluntary effort fails to supply these means, so long must we people in all places, and in accordance time to prevent mischief. with the requirements of the age, even with constantly increasing grants from the State, is worse than useless nor is it consonant with the duty or education should be left to charity. There was no obligation on the part of the Government to extend the work of voluntary education, and, personally, we should regret to see the whole educa- has not, we believe, been yet decided. tional machinery of the country, not made subservient to the propagation of sectarian dogmas, or mere preenough in that direction, and it is contributions of enthusiastic sectarians. His Excellency spoke yesterday of the British Government being, as it were, and fishes. This is exactly the position of secularists; the Government is in fact secularist. It feels the necessity of confining its attention, in dealing with clude religion altogether. Here then we had the singular anomaly yesterday of a Governor pointing out, with much unction, in one breath, the wisdom of his Government in keeping above these differences, by its secularist principles, and, in the next, referring to the bulk of the English people, including the Government, who follow this course, as the "secolarist party, who are entitled to their fair proportion of the Government educational grants," Sureeight hours of school work is fatal to were kicked.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS. Supplied to the "China Mait." (By Southern Route) THE WAR. Lendon, 17th Jan., 1878.

the moral excellence of youth. And

yet that is made the chief ground of

complaint against the Grantin-Aid

Commission. entertain peace proposals.

good offices of England, and said he trusted residents, private as well as official. this would lead to a pacific solution of the

had been respected.

unphanged, but if hostilities are prolonged some unexpected occurrence may oblige Her Majesty's Government to adopt measures of precaution requiring adequate preparations and it is trusted that the liberality of Parliament will supply the requisite means.

There is nothing from from the seat of was up to the time of telegraphing.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE cases at the Police Court were few and uninteresting.

H.M.S. Fly leaves this on Monday next for Singapore and will probably remain in that neighbourhood for some months.

THE S.S. Zanzibar, which arrived here late last evening, is the first British Steamer that has loaded rice at Shimonosaki.

WE are requested to state that the Vicar Apostolio, the Right Rev. Bishop Raimondi, will celebrate a Pontifical Mass at St. Joseph's Church, at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

WE learn from the Agents (Mesers Holliday Wise & Co.) that the steamer Cairnemuir, from London, left Singapore for this port to-day (19th).

WE are informed by the Agents (Messra Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the S. S. any religious belief at all, are not op- Glenorchy will leave Singapore to-morrow

WE have received through the post a letter for results in secular education, and in from "Prudence" anent our recent article regard to this latter point it should not on the Education Question, which we shall be forgotten that it is not the duty of be happy to publish if the writer will oblige us with his name.

It is announced that Mr D. H. Bailey, for teachers of religion of the day, as well several years U. S. Consul here, has been as the whole body of atheists and others nominated for the post of U. S. Consulwho regard our religious creeds and ob- General at Shanghai. This seems to be onservances as but wretched superstitions; ly one of the many "suggestions" concernneutrality, based on the recognition of ing the appointments in the U. S. Consular

of respect for the religious opinions of In view of the approach of the Chinese New those who differ from them. So long as Year, robberies are rampant in the City o the Government insists that every child Rams, and reports of such occurrences are shall have the means of education placed received from all quarters of the city. An attempt at incendiarism was discovered on have Board Schools and secularists. To the night of the 16th inst., in an empty expect voluntary effort to educate the shop in the Western Suburb, luckily in

WE understand that His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir John Smale) has decided to take dignity either of a Government or nation | four-months' leave of absence, and make a that its great and important work of short visit to England. His seat on the THE usual fortnightly Entertainment will bench will, it is said, be occupied by Mr be held at the Temperance Hall, Stanley Justice Snowden until his return; but who | Street, on Monday evening next, commenwill take the post of acting Puisne Judge | cing at 1-past 8 o'clock,—admission being

carried on in the name of the people By the news from Amoy we learn that the and Government as it should be, but Hongkong cricket team were having what is termed a pleasant time, the Amoyites having Judices. We have gone quite far evidently been seized with an insatiable desire to give themselves up to festivity and time we had a few independent schools holiday-making. Balls, races, and cricket. established and maintained by the not to speak of smaller jellifications, were people, and not from the charitable certain to keep guests and hosts pretty lively for the next few days.

above all these differences—the struggle THE price of rice in Canton has been eased of denominationalists, under the educa- somewhat by recent arrivals, and the imtional banner, for the Government loaves position of lekin on this staple of food has been dispensed with for a year. This gives great encouragement to importers, who are buying up rice at all available marts. 'The voluntary schools, to secular work alone, distress in the inundated district of Tsingand from schools carried on under | yuen is still very great, and the provincial its own name it is obliged to en- Government is doing all it can to relieve the sufferers.

WE are glad to note that the cold weather has revived the lively game of football, a Kremer. small but hardly-contested game having been played this afternoon. There was a decent gathering of onlookers, the natives enjoying the "spills" much more than the actors; the grass was very slippery, and this enjoyment was pretty extensive. Seven ly Mr Hennessy does not believe that or eight players were engaged on each side four hours secular instruction out of say for three-quarters of an hour, but no goals

H. E. the Governor, during his desultory and chatty observations at the St. Paul's College Prize Distribution yesterday, made his future action under the Competitive for talking both ways at the same time.— Examination Scheme. While presenting a reward to a Colonial official's son, he ob. The following notice to mariners has been served that it was not his intention strictly | issued by order of the Inspector General of Parliament was opened to day by Royal to adhere to the competitive regulations, | Customs |- Yangtze River-Shanghai Disand he had already noted the names of The Speech from the Throne adverts to several boys who would obtain appoint. the proposal of the Porte for mediation, and ments when suitable vacancies offered, its subsequent appeal to the British Govern. This is a sensible step on the part of the Lighthouse. The Light will be a catoptrie ment, who agreed to enquire from the Executive, as, although the open competi-Emperor of Russia if he was prepared to tive system is a specially good thing at home, one great source of supply of relia-The Emperor of Russia expressed his | ble Government servants in a small Colony earnest desire to obtain peace through the like this will undoubtedly be the sons of

Wa learn that the Tudor Ice Company has Hitherto neither belligerent had infringed disposed of their business here to the firm fogsbell will be struck three double blosse in the conditions of British neutrality which of Measrs Kyle and Bain, which has carried on les-making, as opposed to ice-importa-The fieutral attitude of England continues tion, at East Point for several years past. The latter firm will now occupy the old Ice House, which for so many years be exhibited, but a fixed red light will be was the only place devoted to that branch of trade, but the cooling blocks hereafter stored therein will be home-made, the supply of which will not be made dependent on the freaks of wind and continued. This is the Light No. 24 in the Wouther as in olden days. It is satisfact: ry | 1877 or Fifth Issue of Chinese Lights,

to learn that Mesars Kyle and Bain, with that fairness which has characterised their treament of the public hitherto, have given a guarantee to the Trustees of the Original Hongkong Ice Association, that the maximum price will not exceed three cents per lb. under any circumstances, while the usual selling price will be two cents only. These gentlemen are now extending their premises at the East Point, and when their arrangements are completed, they are confident of their ability to supply all the wants of a thirsty and perspiring community at the lowest rate above men-

THE arrivals during the week have been Mr Paul's team-including Black Satin, Egmont, Fiasco and four griffins-from Shanghai, and Warlock from Macao. The former have not yet put in an appearance on the Course, but rumour has it that the griffins are a very likely lot of ponies, and the "Cracks" were never in better order.

Careful feeding and steady work has had marked effect upon the general appearance. of the Subscription Griffins, and nearly all show great improvement. Considerable amusement was caused on Wednesday morning by the antics of the "Man-eating" Griffin. After throwing his rider he made a charge in the direction of one of the sheds, where a noble owner was ruralising, and caused him to beat a very hasty re-

treat in great disorder. The "Australians" have been getting steady work. Last year's favorite, Newstead, pulled up dead lame after a short gallop on Wednesday morning, and it is hardly expected he will run. Claymore had a spin of a mile and-a-half this morning, and moved in grand style. The Nob-a new importation, lately purchased by Mr Paulfollowed for about a like distance, but we did not fancy him so much as the older

resident. Lively times may be look for at the Course during the coming week, as a number of ponies are daily expected from Shang- . hai and the Coast. Twenty-nine nominations have been taken out for the "Derby," which looks as if the entries would be more numerous than in former years.

free as hitherto. PROGRAMME: 1-Piano Solo "Kathleen Mayourneen." 2-Song "Little Rosebud," 3-Song "Jones's Cellar Door," 4-Recitation "The ruined Cottage." 5-Song "Down in a Coal Mine." 6-Violin Solo "The Keel Row." 7—Song "Phillis, dear Phillis,"

9-Song. 10-Song with Banjo accompaniment "I traced Her little Footmarks on the Snow." 11-Part Song "Softly fail the Shades of

8-Reading "Mickey Free and the Priest."

12-Duet "Banjo and Concertina," MRSSRS HEDGE & Co.'s Foochow Weekly Shipping Report, dated 12th January, 1878,

Evening."

gives:--Arrivals during the Week .- January 5, Douglas, from Hongkong; 6, Han Kwang, from Shanghai; 7, Taiwan, from Hongkong. Departures during the Week .- January 5, Europe, for Shanghai; 6, Douglas, for

Hongkong; 9, Taiwan, for Hongkong; 11, Han Kwang, for Shanghai. Shipping in Port.-Ling Feng, Johanna

THE telephone will soon be put to practical use in Shanghai, and Chinese will be the first to adopt it. The C. M. S. N. Co. have given instructions for one of the instruments to be put up, to connect Kim-le-yuen with their office in the Hankow road and their Lower Wharf in Hongkew-say a distance of about three miles. This is to replace the telegraph, Chinese finding the working of that mode of communication difficult through having to substitute a code of figures for words .-- We also hear that Mesars Butterfield and Swire are likewise about adopting the telephone for a similar purpose. - Recent experiments made by Mr J. D. Bishop tend to show that a line may be worked successone remark which may be noted as affecting fully by duplex telephony, viz., may be used

N. O. D. News.

triot.-Notice is hereby given that on or about the 1st March next a light-vessel, showing a flasd white light, will be moored in mid-channel to the N.E. of the Kiutoan one, elevated 85 feet above the ses, and, in clear weather, it should be visible from a distance of 11 nautical miles. A small white light will be exhibited from the forestay, at a height of 6 feet above the rail. for the purpose of showing in what direction the vessel is riding. The light-vessel will be painted red, with the word "Kiutoan" in white letters on each side, and she will have one mast surmounted by an 8-feet black ball. In foggy weather a 10-owt. each minute, the interval between the blows of each pair being o seconds and between two successive pairs of blows, 16 seconds. If the light-vessel be driven from her proper position to one where she is of no nee as a guide to shipping, the usual light will not exhibited at each end of the vessel; the ball will be struck as soon as possible, and till struck it will be surmounted by a red flag. -- As soon as the above-mentioned lights vessel is in position, the light now shown from the Kiutoan Lighthouse will be dis-